



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2011

Religious Studies

RST3F

Unit 3F Religion and Contemporary Society

Monday 13 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is RST3F.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Religion responding to the challenges facing the world

0 1 Examine the attitudes to, and actions on, poverty in **one or more** religion(s) you have studied. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'Poverty is a fact of life which religions can do little to alter.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

Question 2 Challenges to religion in contemporary society

0 3 Examine the range of meanings of the term 'secularisation'. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'Secularisation is such a broad term that it is of little use.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)

Question 3 New forms of spirituality both within and outside religions

0 5 Examine the various forms which spirituality may take both within and outside mainstream religion. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'Spirituality outside religion is just as important as that within religion.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

Question 4 Religion and national identity

0 7 Explain what is meant by 'civic religion'. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'Civic religion should have no role in the United Kingdom (UK) today.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS