



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST4C

Unit 4C Religious Authority OR
Ways of Moral Decision-Making OR
Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture

Wednesday 15 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 RST4C.
- Choose **one** section only.
 - Section A Religious Authority page 2
 - Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making page 3
 - Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture page 4
- Answer **one** question.
- 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 75.
- 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.

Section A Religious Authority

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 1

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Examine sources of religious authority and how they function in **one or more** religion(s).
(45 marks)

and

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'Some sources of religious authority are so remote that other forms of religious authority are essential.'

Evaluate this claim.

(30 marks)

Question 2

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Examine challenges to religious authority and responses to those challenges. (45 marks)

and

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'Religion responds successfully to all challenges.'

How far do you agree?

(30 marks)

Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 3

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Examine the role of religious institutions and the religious conscience in moral decision-making.

(45 marks)

and

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‘When making moral decisions, the authority of the conscience should be accepted above any other authority.’

Evaluate this claim.

(30 marks)

Question 4

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Examine the major ethical issues which arise from **either** medical research and medical developments **or** business practice and economics.

(45 marks)

and

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‘These ethical issues can never be solved by any ethical system.’

How far do you agree?

(30 marks)

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Section C Ways of Reading and Understanding Scripture

Answer **one** question.

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

Question 5

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 Outline the history of the scriptures of **one** religion from their origin to the 21st century.
(45 marks)

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 Discuss how far beliefs about the status of these scriptures have been affected by events in history.
(30 marks)

Question 6

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 Examine various approaches used by scholars in the study of the scriptures of **one** religion.
(45 marks)

and

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 Consider how far the work of scholars is necessary for an understanding of the scriptures.
(30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS