

General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examination June 2011

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



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

and



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

Evaluate this claim.

(30 marks)

Question 2

3 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?

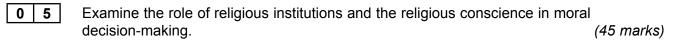
(30 marks)

Section B Ways of Moral Decision-Making

Answer one question.

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

Question 3



and



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

Evaluate this claim.

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



'These ethical issues can never be solved by any ethical system.'

How far do you agree?

(30 marks)

(30 marks)

Turn over for Section C

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



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

and



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

Question 6



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

and



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

END OF QUESTIONS

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