

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**RS01**

**Unit 1 An introduction to Religion and Human Experience**

Tuesday 3 June 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

**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 RS01.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

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**1** Read this passage and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

‘There are many ways by which faith can be inspired. It can be inspired by people we meet, because we see the peace and happiness their faith has given them. It can also be inspired by scripture we read or by conversion experiences which change our lives.’

(a) Explain how scripture can inspire faith. *(10 marks)*

(b) Summarise the main features of a conversion experience. *(10 marks)*

**2** (a) Explain the distinctive features of a mystical experience. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Explain the distinctive features of the following form of religious experience:  
visions.

(ii) Assess the view that religious experiences are important only for those who experience them. *(25 marks)*

**3** (a) Identify and explain the role of **two** sources of authority in religion other than scripture. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain the role of scripture as a source of authority, and assess the view that scripture is the most important source of authority in religion. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**