



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS08

Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

Tuesday 15 January 2013 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 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 RSS08.
- 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 90.
- 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 Changing patterns of religious practice in the UK during the 20th century

0 1 Examine the changes which took place in the denominational structures of Christianity in the United Kingdom in the 20th century. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'Changing denominational structures are merely a response to decline.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

Question 2 Expressions of religion within society

0 3 Outline what is meant by 'faith schools' and explain the reasons for their recent expansion. *(30 marks)*

and

0 4 'The popularity of faith schools today has nothing to do with religious belief.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

Question 3 Issues of identity and belonging

0 5 With reference to one or more religion(s), examine ways in which the rules relating to dress and diet help to maintain identity. *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'Keeping rules about dress and diet is the least important aspect of religious identity.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

Question 4 An introduction to New Religious Movements (NRMs)

0 7 Examine sociological reasons for the rise of New Religious Movements. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'Sociological reasons offer the best explanation of why people join New Religious Movements.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS