



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2014

## Religious Studies

## RST4A

**Unit 4A**      **Life, Death and Beyond OR**  
**Perceptions of Ultimate Reality OR**  
**Religious Experience**

Thursday 19 June 2014      9.00am to 10.30am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

A **Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST4A.
- Choose **one** section only  
Section A Life, Death and Beyond page 2 or  
Section B Perceptions of Ultimate Reality page 3 or  
Section C Religious Experience page 4
- Answer **one** question in the section you have chosen.  
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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.

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**Section A LIFE, DEATH AND BEYOND**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 1**

**0 1** Examine religious eschatological and apocalyptic teaching.

**[45 marks]**

**and**

**0 2** 'Eschatological and apocalyptic teaching has a significant impact on people today.'

Discuss how far you agree.

**[30 marks]**

**Question 2**

**0 3** Examine religious ideas about the importance of the present life and of life after death.

**[45 marks]**

**and**

**0 4** 'Only life after death gives any purpose to this life.'

Discuss how far you agree.

**[30 marks]**

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**Section B PERCEPTIONS OF ULTIMATE REALITY**

Answer **one** question.

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

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**Question 3**

**0 5** Examine definitions and understandings of God/Ultimate Reality in one or more religion(s).  
**[45 marks]**

and

**0 6** 'The concept of God has a positive effect on society.'  
Discuss how far you agree.  
**[30 marks]**

**Question 4**

**0 7** Examine the role of religious experience as a source of knowledge about God/Ultimate Reality.  
**[45 marks]**

and

**0 8** 'Whatever may be learned about God/Ultimate Reality through religious experience cannot be expressed in words.'  
Discuss how far you agree.  
**[30 marks]**

**Turn over for Section C**

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**Section C RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**Answer **one** question.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of the question chosen.

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**Question 5**

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 Examine the value of religious experience within one or more religion(s). **[45 marks]**

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 'The only way to understand the nature of a religious experience is by having one.'  
Discuss how far you agree. **[30 marks]****Question 6**

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 Examine ways in which the validity of both individual and corporate religious experiences may be established. **[45 marks]**

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 'Attempts to establish the validity of religious experiences satisfy believers, but these attempts have no impact on non-believers.'  
Discuss how far you agree. **[30 marks]****END OF QUESTIONS**