



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2015

Religious Studies

RSS08

Unit H Religion and Contemporary Society

Thursday 14 May 2015 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 **Paper Reference** is RSS08.
- Answer **two** questions.
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 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 United Kingdom (UK) during the 20th century**

0 1 Explain various ways in which the practice of religion in society may be measured. **[30 marks]**

and

0 2 ‘Attempts to measure the practice of religion can never be accurate.’
How far do you agree? **[15 marks]**

Question 2 **Expressions of religion within society**

0 3 Outline the main features of places of worship within **one** religion and explain the importance of these features within that religion. **[30 marks]**

and

0 4 ‘There is no need for religious groups to have places of worship which include these features.’
Assess this claim. **[15 marks]**

Question 3 **Issues of identity and belonging**

0 5 Outline the key rules on dress and diet within one or more religion(s) **and** explain the ways in which such practices contribute to maintaining religious identity. **[30 marks]**

and

0 6 ‘In today’s world, it creates divisions if people try to maintain distinctive religious identities.’
How far do you agree? **[15 marks]**

Question 4 An introduction to New Religious Movements (NRMs)

0 7 Examine the characteristics of the following types of New Religious Movements:

- sects
- cults.

[30 marks]

and

0 8 'New Religious Movements have had no impact on society.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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