



GCE AS/A level

553/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 3α
An Introduction to Religion and Ethics

P.M. TUESDAY, 3 June 2008

1 hour

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer Question 1 and one other question.

1.

Jeremy Bentham said, "Nature has placed mankind under the governance of two sovereign masters, pain and pleasure."

He believed that all people tried to achieve pleasure, which is good, and avoid pain, which is evil.

(a) Outline, with examples, the main features of Bentham's Act Utilitarianism. [10]

(b) Explain why many religious believers reject Utilitarianism. [10]

2. (a) Explain the view of **one** major world religion on sex before marriage. [10]

(b) 'Natural Law provides a completely inadequate basis for making decisions about sex before marriage.'
Assess this view. [10]

3. (a) Explain the four working principles and six fundamental principles of Situation Ethics. [10]

(b) 'Situation Ethics provides an excellent basis on which to make decisions about adultery.'
Assess this view. [10]