



GCE AS/A level

1341/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**RS1/2 CS - Introduction to Religion in
Contemporary Society**

A.M. THURSDAY, 26 May 2011

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer book.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 45 marks.

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

Part (*a*) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding.

Part (*b*) of each question tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.

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

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication in all your answers.

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Examine arguments for making euthanasia legal. [30]
(b) 'A religious person should never support euthanasia.'
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Explain how **two** soap operas portray religious themes. [30]
(b) 'Soap operas are both inaccurate and ineffective in portraying religious themes.'
Assess this view. [15]
3. (a) Examine the evidence for secularisation in contemporary society. [30]
(b) 'Contemporary society no longer needs religion.'
Assess this view. [15]
4. (a) Explain Jung's view of religious belief. [30]
(b) 'Psychological explanations for religious belief have no validity.'
Assess this view. [15]