



**GCE AS/A level**

1342/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**RS1/2 ETH - Introduction to Religion and Ethics**

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1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black 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**

All questions carry 45 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each 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) Explain why some religious believers reject the use of Natural Law whilst other religious believers accept its use. [30]  
(b) 'Natural Law provides an excellent basis for making moral decisions.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
2. (a) Outline the four working principles and six fundamental principles of Situation Ethics. [30]  
(b) 'Situation Ethics as a relativistic and teleological theory works well in today's society.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
3. (a) Explain Bentham's Act Utilitarianism. [30]  
(b) 'Utilitarianism has too many weaknesses to make it useful.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
4. (a) Explain the ethical teaching of **one** major world religion about sex between unmarried partners. [30]  
(b) 'In today's society religious responses to the issue of sex between unmarried partners are no longer relevant.'  
Assess this view. [15]