



GCE A level

1348/02

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS3 ETH - Studies in Religion and Ethics

A.M. MONDAY, 13 June 2011

1³/₄ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 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

All questions carry 50 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 how Aristotle's virtue theory was developed by Anscombe and by MacIntyre. [30]
(b) 'Virtue ethics is compatible with religious morality.'
Assess the validity of this statement from the perspective of **one or more** major world religions. [20]

2. (a) Examine the concepts of reason, human duty and the Categorical Imperative in Kant's moral theory. [30]
(b) 'The Categorical Imperative provides an adequate basis for defining which actions are good in themselves.'
Assess this view. [20]

3. (a) Examine religious arguments in favour of pacifism with reference to **at least one** major world religion. [30]
(b) 'Pacifism fails to deal effectively with conflict in the modern world.'
Evaluate this contention. [20]

4. (a) Examine the moral issues raised for religious believers by abortion. [30]
(b) 'Every woman should have the right to choose an abortion.'
Assess this view. [20]