



GCE AS/A level

1341/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 12 January 2011

1¼ 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

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 the religious principles that might lead believers to support animal rights. [30]
 (b) 'It is wrong for religious people to hunt animals for entertainment.'
 Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Examine the purpose of religion-specific television broadcasting. [30]
 (b) 'Teaching about religion should be left to religious institutions, not television
 broadcasters.'
 Assess this view. [15]

3. **Either:** Fundamentalism
 (a) Examine the causes and main characteristics of fundamentalism. [30]
 (b) 'Religious fundamentalism is the main cause of religious unrest in the world today.'
 Assess this view. [15]

- Or:** New Religious Movements
 (a) Examine the causes and main characteristics of new religious movements. [30]
 (b) 'The only hope for the survival of religion in Britain lies with new religious movements.'
 Assess this view. [15]

4. (a) Explain why Freud considered religious belief to be unhelpful to a person's
 psychological health. [30]
 (b) 'Jung's view of religious belief was more adequate than that of Freud.'
 Assess this view. [15]