



GCE AS/A level

1345/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS1/2 CHR - Introduction to Christianity

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 12 January 2011

1¹/₄ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or 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) Explain what is meant by the Incarnation. [30]
(b) 'The idea of God incarnate is meaningless today.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Explain why Protestant Reformers disagreed with the Roman Catholic Church on the question of religious authority. [30]
(b) 'Protestant teaching on religious authority had great success.'
Assess this statement. [15]

3. (a) Describe how the Eucharist is celebrated in the Protestant tradition. [30]
(b) 'The Catholic way of celebrating the Eucharist is the proper way.'
Assess this statement. [15]

4. (a) Explain how the Christian celebration of Christmas reflects the biblical accounts of Jesus' birth. [30]
(b) 'Christmas is not an important festival for Christians.'
Assess this view. [15]