



GCE AS/A level

1341/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

A.M. TUESDAY, 17 January 2012

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 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 concepts of sanctity **and** quality of life as they relate to the issue of euthanasia. [30]
 (b) 'Euthanasia is against the will of God.'
 Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Examine the portrayal of religious beliefs and practices in *The Simpsons*. [30]
 (b) '*The Simpsons* is an effective way of educating society about religion.'
 Assess this view. [15]

3. **Either:** Fundamentalism
 (a) Explain the main features of fundamentalism. [30]
 (b) Assess how far the future of religion in Britain lies with fundamentalism. [15]

- Or:** New Religious Movements
 (a) Explain the main features of new religious movements. [30]
 (b) Assess how far the future of religion in Britain lies with new religious movements. [15]

4. (a) Outline the main views of Freud **and** Jung on religious belief. [30]
 (b) 'Religious belief is not a product of the collective unconscious.'
 Assess this view. [15]