



GCE AS/A level

1341/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 CS

Introduction to Religion in Contemporary Society

A.M. MONDAY, 13 May 2013

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) Outline religious and moral arguments concerning the hunting and culling of animals. [30]
(b) 'A religious believer should never kill an animal.'
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Explain how religion-specific broadcasting attempts to spread religious values. [30]
(b) 'Television is the most effective way to teach religious concepts to a wide audience.'
Assess this view. [15]
3. (a) Explain how the concept of 'secularisation' may be challenged. [30]
(b) 'Religion has no influence in contemporary society.'
Assess this view. [15]
4. (a) Explain Freud's view that religious belief is **both** an illusion **and** a neurosis. [30]
(b) 'Freud's views on individual religious belief are unconvincing.'
Assess this view. [15]