



GCE AS/A level

1342/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 ETH
Introduction to Religion and Ethics

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) Explain the different types of 'laws', 'precepts' and 'virtues' that are found within Aquinas' Natural Law theory. [30]
(b) 'Natural Law is incompatible with religious belief.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Explain religious arguments supporting the use of Situation Ethics in making moral decisions. [30]
(b) 'Situation Ethics does not work in today's society.'
Assess this view. [15]

3. (a) Explain how ethical decisions can be made using Act Utilitarianism. [30]
(b) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Utilitarianism. [15]

4. (a) Explain attitudes within **one** major world religion towards gay and lesbian marriage and civil partnerships. [30]
(b) 'The move away from traditional heterosexual marriage has been beneficial for society.'
Assess this view. [15]