



GCE A level

1348/02

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 ETH
Studies in Religion and Ethics

A.M. THURSDAY, 6 June 2013

1¾ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 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 50 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 ways in which Virtue Ethics may be both compatible **and** incompatible with a religious perspective. [30]
(b) 'Aristotle's Virtue Ethics is useless as a means of making ethical decisions.'
Assess this view. [20]

2. (a) Explain how Kant's Moral Law theory was developed by W.D. Ross. [30]
(b) 'The ultimate aim of human existence is to achieve the highest good.'
Evaluate this contention. [20]

3. (a) Examine how the Just War principles may be used to justify pre-emptive military action. [30]
(b) 'War is never justifiable from a religious point of view.'
Evaluate this contention. [20]

4. (a) Examine ethical and religious arguments against euthanasia. [30]
(b) 'All human life is sacred and should be preserved in all situations.'
Assess this view. [20]