



GCE AS/A level

1341/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 CS

Introduction to Religion in Contemporary Society

A.M. TUESDAY, 15 January 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 religious arguments against euthanasia. [30]
(b) Assess the view that voluntary euthanasia should be made legal. [15]
2. (a) Explain ways in which religious themes are portrayed in **two** soap operas. [30]
(b) ‘The best place to teach religious principles is in places of worship, not on television.’
Assess this view. [15]
3. **Either:** Fundamentalism
- (a) Explain the main causes of fundamentalism. [30]
(b) ‘Fundamentalism has more weaknesses than strengths.’
Assess this view. [15]
- Or:** New Religious Movements
- (a) Explain the main causes of New Religious Movements. [30]
(b) ‘New Religious Movements are the future of religion in Britain.’
Assess this view. [15]
4. (a) Explain Jung’s view that religious belief is the product of the ‘collective unconscious’. [30]
(b) ‘Jung’s views do not provide an adequate explanation of individual religious belief.’
Assess this view. [15]