



**GCE AS/A level**

1347/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 WR**  
**Introduction to Western Religions**

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 questions from **one** section only, **either** Section A **or** Section B.

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**

All questions carry 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 questions from one section only, either Section A or Section B.*

### **Section A: Introduction to Islam**

*Answer two questions.*

1. (a) Examine Muslim teaching on akhirah (the final judgement). [30]  
(b) 'The most important belief in Islam today is the belief in life after death.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
2. (a) Examine the significance of the Night of Power. [30]  
(b) 'It is difficult to use Muhammad as a role model in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
3. (a) Examine the Muslim practice of zakah. [30]  
(b) 'A Muslim cannot be truly religious and rich.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
4. (a) Examine Muslim beliefs and practices in relation to halal and haram. [30]  
(b) 'Modesty in dress and lifestyle are essential for the survival of Islam.'  
Assess this view. [15]

**Section B: Introduction to Judaism**

*Answer two questions.*

1. (a) Examine the role of Abraham in Judaism. [30]  
(b) ‘Stories about Abraham are not important for Judaism today.’  
Assess this view. [15]
  
2. (a) Examine the observance of mitzvot in the Jewish home. [30]  
(b) ‘Diversity of practice within Judaism suggests that it is not a strong faith.’  
Assess this view. [15]
  
3. (a) Examine the relationship between practices and beliefs at Yom Kippur. [30]  
(b) ‘Yom Kippur is the only festival where Jews come close to God.’  
Assess this view. [15]
  
4. (a) Examine Jewish beliefs and practices in relation to death. [30]  
(b) ‘Observing traditional lifecycle rituals is essential for maintaining Jewish identity.’  
Assess this view. [15]