



GCE A level

1348/02

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 ETH

Studies in Religion and Ethics

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 11 June 2014

1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

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) Explain the teleological and deontological features of Aristotle's Virtue theory. [30]**
- (b) 'It is more important to be a good person than to carry out good acts.'
Evaluate this contention. [20]**
- 2(a) Examine Kant's attempt to define ethics without reference to God. [30]**
- (b) 'Kant's definition of moral statements as A PRIORI, and therefore absolute, is unhelpful.'
Evaluate this contention. [20]**

- 3(a) Examine the main features of pacifism with reference to at least ONE major world religion. [30]**
- (b) 'Pacifism does not work in the modern world.' Evaluate this contention. [20]**
- 4(a) Examine the medical dilemmas of abortion and the welfare of very premature babies. [30]**
- (b) 'A very premature baby should never be allowed to die if human intervention could keep it alive.' Evaluate this contention. [20]**

END OF PAPER