



GCE AS/A level

1345/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 CHR
Introduction to Christianity

A.M. FRIDAY, 17 January 2014

1 hour 15 minutes

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 why the story of Jesus' birth is important for Christians. [30]
(b) 'The idea of a God-man is meaningless.'
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Outline the main beliefs of the Protestant Reformation in Europe. [30]
(b) 'The Protestant Reformation was a great success.'
Assess this statement. [15]
3. (a) Describe how the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the eucharist. [30]
(b) 'The Catholic and Protestant understanding of the eucharist is basically the same.'
Assess this statement. [15]
4. (a) Explain how the Christian celebration of Easter reflects the biblical accounts of the resurrection. [30]
(b) 'Easter is no longer the most important festival for Christians.'
Assess this view. [15]

END OF PAPER