



GCE AS/A level

1341/01



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 CS

Introduction to Religion in Contemporary Society

A.M. THURSDAY, 14 May 2015

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 the different types of euthanasia **and** the present legal position of euthanasia. [30]
- (b) 'A religious believer should always be willing to assist the death of someone who wants to die.'
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Examine ways in which central religious themes have been portrayed in soap operas. [30]
- (b) 'Television could never replace traditional religious worship.'
Assess this view. [15]
3. (a) Explain reasons for the development of secularisation. [30]
- (b) 'There is no future for religion in Britain.'
Assess this view. [15]
4. (a) Examine Jung's view that religious belief meets the human need for mystery and symbolism. [30]
- (b) 'Jung's view of religious belief has nothing to support it.'
Assess this view. [15]

END OF PAPER