



GCE AS/A level

1342/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 ETH

INTRODUCTION TO RELIGION AND ETHICS

A.M. THURSDAY, 14 May 2015

1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance

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 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 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 how Natural Law can be used to make ethical decisions. [30]**
- (b) 'Natural Law's absolutist approach to ethics is not practical in today's society.'
Assess this view. [15]**
- 2(a) Explain the religious arguments against using Situation Ethics as a means of making moral decisions. [30]**
- (b) 'Situation Ethics provides a good basis for making moral decisions.'
Assess this view. [15]**

3(a) Explain the seven criteria of the hedonic calculus. [30]

**(b) 'Utilitarianism can lead to the wrong moral decisions being made.'
Assess this view. [15]**

4(a) Examine the teachings and attitudes towards adultery within ONE major world religion. [30]

**(b) 'A relativistic approach to adultery is more relevant in today's society than traditional religious approaches.'
Assess this view. [15]**

END OF PAPER