



**GCE A level**

**1348/01**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 CS**

**Studies in Religion in Contemporary Society**

**P.M. WEDNESDAY, 10 June 2015**

**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) Examine the role of religion in marriage and civil partnerships. [30]**

**(b) 'Religious conscience about same sex marriage must be set aside now that Parliament has made same sex marriage legal.'  
Assess this view. [20]**

**2(a) Examine how religious and spiritual ideas are conveyed in films you have studied. [30]**

**(b) 'Important religious events should not be reduced to a MOVIE EVENT.'  
Assess this view. [20]**

**3(a) Explain Durkheim's understanding of religion as an expression of social cohesion. [30]**

**(b) 'Durkheim's explanation of religion is wrong.'  
Assess this view. [20]**

**4(a) Explain Goldman's view on readiness for religion. [30]**

**(b) 'The most important factor for religious belief is age.'  
Assess this view. [20]**

**END OF PAPER**