



GCE A level

1348/01



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 CS
Studies in Religion in Contemporary Society

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 10 June 2015

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 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 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]

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