GCE AS/A Level

1342/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 ETH

INTRODUCTION TO RELIGION AND ETHICS

A.M. THURSDAY, 19 May 2016

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, 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 the features of Aquinas' version of Natural Law that make it deontological. [30]**

(b) **'Natural Law gives religious believers a perfect way to make moral decisions.'**
Assess this view. [15]

2(a) **Examine the teachings of Jesus and St Paul that may be used to support Situation Ethics as an ethical theory. [30]**

(b) **'The relativism of Situation Ethics makes it an ideal ethical system for today's society.'**
Assess this view. [15]

3(a)   Explain how Mill's version of Utilitarianism may be used to make moral decisions.   [30]

(b)   'Utilitarianism cannot work in the modern world.' Assess this view.   [15]

4(a)   Examine the teachings of ONE major world religion about the nature and purpose of marriage.   [30]

(b)   'The move away from traditional religious approaches to marriage has been bad for society.' Assess this view.   [15]

END OF PAPER