



GCE A level

1348/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 CS

Studies in Religion in Contemporary Society

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 15 June 2016

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 impact of conflict in the Middle East on religious communities in Britain. [30]

**(b) 'Religion is at the root of conflict in the Middle East.'
Assess this view. [20]**

2(a) Examine ways in which films have portrayed religious beliefs and practices. [30]

**(b) 'Film stereotypes faith communities.'
Assess this view. [20]**

3(a) Examine the problems of defining religion. [30]

(b) 'Reductive definitions of religion are more convincing than theological or metaphysical ones.'

Assess this view. [20]

4(a) Explain the views of Berger concerning the sacred canopy. [30]

(b) 'Religious belief is good for psychological health.'
Assess this view. [20]

END OF PAPER