



GCE A level

1348/02



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 ETH
Studies in Religion and Ethics

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 15 June 2016

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) Explain how Aristotle's virtue theory has been re-evaluated by later thinkers. [30]
- (b) 'Achievement of virtue is not the ultimate goal of morality.'
Assess this view. [20]
2. (a) Examine the importance of the role of reason and the concept of the Categorical Imperative as foundations of Kant's moral theory. [30]
- (b) 'Kant's moral theory would have more authority if it were based on religious belief rather than reason.'
Assess this view. [20]
3. (a) Explain the development of the concept of 'Just War'. [30]
- (b) 'Pre-emptive strikes can never be just.'
Assess this view. [20]
4. (a) Examine religious arguments regarding abortion. [30]
- (b) 'A woman's right to have an abortion outweighs any religious argument.'
Assess this view. [20]

END OF PAPER