



GCE A level

1349/01



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS4 HE
Studies in Religion and Human Experience

P.M. TUESDAY, 21 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 **one** question.

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 75 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 one question.

1. Religious Authority

You must show knowledge and understanding of the use of **four** different types of religious authority and be able to evaluate the inherent strengths and limitations of individual religious authorities.

- (a) Examine how **four** types of religious authority are used in religion. [45]
- (b) 'Religious leaders are the least important type of religious authority for religious believers.'
Evaluate this assertion. [30]

2. Religious Experience

You must show knowledge and understanding of ways in which scholars have classified religious experiences and be able to evaluate whether it is only those religious believers that undergo religious experiences that derive value from them.

- (a) Examine ways in which different religious experiences have been classified. [45]
- (b) 'Religious experiences are very important even for people who do not experience them.'
Evaluate this assertion. [30]

3. Life, Death and Life after Death

You must show knowledge and understanding of a variety of religious teachings and theories about life after death and be able to evaluate whether there is reliable evidence for a belief in life after death for religious believers.

- (a) Examine different religious teachings and theories about life after death. [45]
- (b) 'There is plenty of convincing evidence to support a belief in life after death.'
Evaluate this assertion. [30]

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