



**GCE AS/A level**

1342/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**RS1/2 ETH - Introduction to Religion and Ethics**

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 12 January 2011

1¼ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 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**

All questions carry 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 different types of 'precepts', 'goods' and 'acts' in Aquinas' Natural Law Theory. [30]  
(b) 'Natural Law is completely compatible with religion.'  
Evaluate this claim. [15]
  
2. (a) Explain why some religious believers reject the use of Situation Ethics whilst other religious believers accept its use. [30]  
(b) 'The main strength of Situation Ethics is that it is easy to apply to any situation.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
3. (a) Explain how Mill developed Bentham's ideas into his own form of Utilitarianism. [30]  
(b) 'Happiness provides an inadequate basis for making moral decisions.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
4. (a) Explain the ethical teaching of **one** major world religion about gay/lesbian orientation and its sexual expression. [30]  
(b) 'Religious attitudes towards gays and lesbians are unfair.'  
Assess this view. [15]