



GCE AS/A level

1341/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**RS1/2 CS - Introduction to Religion in
Contemporary Society**

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 16 May 2012

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

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) Examine religious and moral issues relating to the use of animals as food. [30]
(b) 'There is no moral difference between killing an animal for food and killing it for pleasure.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Examine the teaching of religious values within religion-specific broadcasting. [30]
(b) 'Television is the only effective way to teach about religion.'
Assess this view. [15]

3. (a) Examine what is meant by the term 'secularisation'. [30]
(b) 'Religious beliefs, not religious practices, are flourishing in contemporary Britain.'
Assess this view. [15]

4. (a) Examine Freud's view of religious belief. [30]
(b) 'Religious belief is essential for psychological health.'
Assess this view. [15]