



**GCE A level**

1348/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**RS3 CS - Studies in Religion in Contemporary Society**

A.M. THURSDAY, 31 May 2012

1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours

### **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) Examine the debates concerning free speech and blasphemy in the UK. [30]  
(b) Evaluate the view that religions should be protected from satire. [20]
  
2. (a) Examine ways in which film media can convey religious ideas. [30]  
(b) 'Films cannot effectively communicate complex religious ideas.'  
Assess this view. [20]
  
3. (a) Examine ways in which religious plurality can cause strain on communities in the UK. [30]  
(b) 'Religious differences are a major threat to social cohesion.'  
Assess this view. [20]
  
4. (a) Explain the views of Maslow on self-actualisation and peak experiences. [30]  
(b) 'Religious belief improves people's psychological health.'  
Assess this view. [20]