



GCE A level

1348/05

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS3 CHR - Studies in Christianity

A.M. THURSDAY, 31 May 2012

1¾ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

The use of a Bible is NOT permitted in this examination.

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 the Church is the sign and instrument of God's saving action in the world today. [30]
(b) 'Christianity is adequately summarised in the commandment to love one's neighbour.'
Evaluate this statement. [20]

2. (a) Examine the concepts of Jesus as Saviour **and** as Logos. [30]
(b) 'It is more acceptable to portray Jesus in theological terms than in historical terms.'
Assess this view. [20]

3. (a) Examine the claim of Feminist Theology that the language of Christianity is male oriented. [30]
(b) 'It does not matter that Jesus was a male.'
Assess this view. [20]

4. (a) Examine the development of the Ecumenical Movement. [30]
(b) 'The Ecumenical Movement has made Christianity relevant in the modern world.'
Assess this view. [20]