



GCE AS/A level

1345/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 CHR
Introduction to Christianity

A.M. MONDAY, 13 May 2013

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) Explain what the Atonement means to Christians. [30]
(b) 'Belief in the Atonement makes Christianity an optimistic religion.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Describe the ways in which Luther disagreed with the Catholic Church. [30]
(b) 'Luther's supporters were motivated by politics, not theology.'
Assess this statement. [15]

3. (a) Examine contemporary trends in Christian worship. [30]
(b) 'Contemporary trends in Christian worship will not last.'
Assess this statement. [15]

4. (a) Outline the theological links between Christmas, Good Friday and Easter. [30]
(b) 'The secular world has taken over all Christian festivals.'
Assess this view. [15]