



GCE A level

1349/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS4 HE
Studies in Religion and Human Experience

P.M. FRIDAY, 14 June 2013

1¾ hours

Suitable for Modified Language Candidates

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 **one** question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write the number of the question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer book.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 75 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 one question.

1. Religious Authority

You must show knowledge and understanding of the nature of diverse types of religious authority. You must also evaluate the extent to which any type of religious authority is universally respected by religious believers.

(a) Examine the nature of a variety of different types of religious authority. [45]

(b) ‘No single type of religious authority commands universal respect amongst religious believers.’
Assess how far this statement could be said to be true. [30]

2. Religious Experience

You must show knowledge and understanding of various forms of individual **and** communal religious experiences. You must also evaluate how far religious belief and commitment is determined by one’s religious experiences or lack of them.

(a) Examine both individual **and** communal forms of religious experience. [45]

(b) ‘Personal religious experience is the only firm basis for religious belief and commitment.’
Assess how far this statement could be said to be true. [30]

3. Life, Death and Life after Death

You must show knowledge and understanding of differing religious beliefs about the nature of life after death. You must also evaluate whether belief in life after death is essential to religion.

(a) Examine different religious beliefs about the nature of life after death. [45]

(b) ‘Religion has no meaning unless there is belief in life after death.’
Assess how far this statement could be said to be true. [30]