



GCE AS/A level

1342/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 ETH
Introduction to Religion and Ethics

A.M. TUESDAY, 15 January 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 how, according to Aquinas, the ability to reason helps humans to achieve ‘the highest good’. [30]
(b) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Natural Law. [15]

2. (a) Explain why Fletcher rejects ‘antinomianism’ and ‘legalism’ in favour of ‘agape’ love. [30]
(b) ‘Situation Ethics is not compatible with a religious approach to moral decision making.’ Assess this view. [15]

3. (a) Examine ways in which Act and Rule Utilitarianism are incompatible with the traditional ethical teaching of **one** major world religion. [30]
(b) ‘Only happiness provides a good basis for making moral decisions.’ Assess this view. [15]

4. (a) Explain ethical attitudes within **one** major world religion about gay and lesbian relationships. [30]
(b) ‘A relativistic approach to gay and lesbian relationships is more relevant in today’s society than one based on traditional religious values.’ Assess this view. [15]