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

A.M. TUESDAY, 13 May 2014

1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

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) Outline Aquinas' version of the theory known as 'Natural Law'. [30]
- (b) 'Natural Law's absolutist approach to ethics promotes justice.' Assess this view. [15]
- 2(a) Outline Fletcher's Situation Ethics. [30]
- (b) 'Situation Ethics works.' Assess this view. [15]
- 3(a) Explain Bentham's principle of utility. [30]
- (b) 'Utilitarianism is compatible with a religious approach to ethics.' Assess this view. [15]

- 4(a) Examine the religious principles involved in the teaching of ONE religion on sex outside marriage. [30]
- (b) 'Religious responses towards sex outside marriage are no longer relevant.' Assess this view. [15]

END OF PAPER