



GCE AS/A level

1347/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 WR

Introduction to Western Religions

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 questions from ONE section only, EITHER Section A OR Section B.

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 questions from ONE section only, EITHER Section A OR Section B.

SECTION A: INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM

Answer TWO questions.

- 1(a) Examine Muslim teaching on risalah (belief in messengers and helpers). [30]**
- (b) ‘The Qur’an is all that Muslims need as a guide for living in the 21st Century.’
Assess this view. [15]**
- 2(a) Examine the importance of Makkah and Madinah in the life of Muhammad. [30]**
- (b) ‘Muhammad was more successful as a messenger than as a leader.’
Assess this view. [15]**

- 3(a) Examine the beliefs and practices of Id-ul-Adha. [30]**
- (b) ‘Traditional Muslim festivals have no relevance for Muslims today.’
Assess this view. [15]**
- 4(a) Examine the roles of men and women in Muslim family life. [30]**
- (b) ‘Culture and tradition place impossible demands on Muslim family life in modern Britain.’
Assess this view. [15]**

SECTION B: INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Answer TWO questions.

1(a) Examine the nature and authority of the Torah. [30]

**(b) 'The Torah is a product of the human mind rather than a divine revelation.'
Assess this view. [15]**

2(a) Examine the implications of the Covenant for Judaism. [30]

**(b) 'The Covenant idea is not realistic for Judaism today.'
Assess this view. [15]**

3(a) Examine the significance of Jewish celebrations at Pesach. [30]

**(b) 'Pesach is the most important festival in Judaism.'
Assess this view. [15]**

- 4(a) Examine ways in which Jewish family life is changing in the 21st Century. [30]**
- (b) 'Family life is the main strength of Judaism.' Assess this view. [15]**

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