



GCE A level

1348/02

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 ETH

Studies in Religion and Ethics

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 10 June 2015

1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 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 50 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 the main features of Aristotle's Virtue Theory. [30]**
- (b) 'Virtue Ethics is totally incompatible with a religious approach to ethics.'
Assess this view. [20]**
- 2(a) Examine the importance of the Categorical Imperative within Kant's Moral Law theory. [30]**
- (b) 'Kant's categorical imperative is inadequate as a basis for deciding which actions are morally right.'
Assess this view. [20]**

3(a) Explain

(i) the causes of war AND

(ii) the concept of Holy War in AT LEAST ONE major world religion. [30]

(b) 'The concept of Holy War cannot be applied to modern warfare.'

Assess this view. [20]

4(a) Examine ethical AND religious issues raised by genetic manipulation. [30]

(b) 'Genetic manipulation can never be justified.'

Assess this view. [20]

END OF PAPER