



GCE A level

1348/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 CS
Studies in Religion in Contemporary Society

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 11 June 2014

1 hour 45 minutes

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 **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) Examine issues surrounding religious freedom in dress, speech and worship. [30]
(b) Assess the view that community cohesion is more important than religious freedom. [20]

2. (a) Examine ways in which films represent members of faith communities and their relationship with others. [30]
(b) 'Film is the most effective way of teaching individuals about their religious heritage.'
Assess this view. [20]

3. (a) Examine Marx's view of religion as the 'sigh of the oppressed'. [30]
(b) 'Marx's explanation of religion is completely convincing.'
Assess this view. [20]

4. (a) Explain the views of James on 'healthy-mindedness and the sick soul'. [30]
(b) 'Religious beliefs lead to more positive attitudes.'
Assess this view. [20]

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