



**GCE A level**

1348/07

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 WR**  
**Studies in Western Religions**

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 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 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 questions from **one** section only, **either** Section A or Section B.

**Section A: Studies in Islam**

Answer **two** questions.

1. (a) Examine the importance of each of the main sources of shari'a law. [30]  
(b) 'There is no room for argument about shari'a law in Islam.'  
Assess this view. [20]
  
2. (a) Examine the distinctive beliefs and practices of Sufi Islam. [30]  
(b) 'For Muslims, the true goal of worship must be personal mystical union with God.'  
Assess this view. [20]
  
3. (a) Examine traditional views of Muslims on the role of women. [30]  
(b) 'The traditional role of women needs to be reappraised in response to changes in Western society.'  
Assess this view. [20]
  
4. (a) Examine the relationship between religion and politics in Islam. [30]  
(b) 'Islam is completely compatible with democracy.'  
Assess this view. [20]

**Section B: Studies in Judaism**

*Answer two questions.*

1. (a) Explain the challenges made to Hasidism in the early period of its development. [30]  
(b) 'Without Hasidism, Judaism would not have survived.'  
Assess this view. [20]
2. (a) Explain the beliefs and practices distinctive of Reform Judaism. [30]  
(b) 'A strict adherence to covenant is not necessary for Jews in the modern world.'  
Assess this view. [20]
3. (a) Explain the importance of Shabbat observance as part of family life in Judaism. [30]  
(b) 'Ensuring that Shabbat is properly observed is the most important religious duty of a Jewish mother.'  
Assess this view. [20]
4. (a) Explain **three** different views of Jewish suffering found in the work of holocaust theologians. [30]  
(b) 'There are more weaknesses than strengths to be found in Holocaust theology.'  
Assess this view. [20]

**END OF PAPER**