



**GCE AS/A level**

1342/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**RS1/2 ETH - Introduction to Religion and Ethics**

A.M. TUESDAY, 17 January 2012

1¼ hours

#### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 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 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) Explain the absolutist features of Natural Law. [30]  
(b) 'Natural Law promotes injustice.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
2. (a) Outline the ethical theory known as Situation Ethics. [30]  
(b) 'Situation Ethics provides a poor basis for making moral decisions.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
3. (a) Explain the differences between Act and Rule Utilitarianism. [30]  
(b) 'Utilitarianism is incompatible with a religious approach to ethics.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
4. (a) Examine the ethical teaching of **one** major world religion on marriage. [30]  
(b) 'The rejection of marriage by many people is harmful to society.'  
Assess this view. [15]