



GCE AS/A level

1341/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**RS1/2 CS - Introduction to Religion in
Contemporary Society**

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 13 January 2010

1¹/₄ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer book.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 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 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 legal **and** religious principles involved in the issue of euthanasia. [30]
(b) 'There is no need for euthanasia in society today.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Examine **two** religious themes from television soap operas. [30]
(b) 'Soap operas are better than places of worship as sources of religious and moral principles for most people today.'
Assess this view. [15]

3. (a) Explain the reasons why some consider that religion is in decline in Britain. [30]
(b) 'Religion is irrelevant in today's world.'
Assess this view. [15]

4. (a) Explain why Jung considered religious belief to be necessary for an individual's psychic health. [30]
(b) 'Religious belief is not a product of the collective unconscious.'
Assess this view. [15]