



**GCE A level**

559/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 9**  
**Religion and Human Experience**

A.M. MONDAY, 18 January 2010

1½ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

**The use of a Bible is not permitted in this examination.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **one** question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

All questions carry 50 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

*Answer **one** question.*

### 1. Religious Authority

You must show knowledge and understanding of sacred writings as a religious authority from **at least two** different areas of study and be able to evaluate whether or not sacred writings are considered to be the most important form of authority for religious believers.

- (a) Describe and illustrate different ways in which sacred writings are used as a source of authority in religion. [30]
- (b) Evaluate the claim that the main form of authority for religious believers is sacred writings. [20]

### 2. Religious Experience

You must show knowledge and understanding of a variety of forms of religious experience from **at least two** different areas of study and be able to evaluate whether or not personal religious experience is the most important factor in determining an individual's religious commitment.

- (a) Describe and illustrate the diversity of religious experience. [30]
- (b) Critically examine the view that an individual's religious commitment depends more on personal religious experience than on anything else. [20]

### 3. Life, Death and Life after Death

You must show knowledge and understanding of a variety of religious beliefs about life after death from **at least two** different areas of study and be able to evaluate the effect of religious belief in life after death on behaviour before death.

- (a) Identify and explain religious beliefs, teachings, writings or theories you have studied about life after death. [30]
- (b) Evaluate the claim that believing in life after death is the most important influence on an individual's behaviour during life before death. [20]