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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — HIGHER LEVEL

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1. Write your EXAMINATION NUMBER in this box:
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3. YOU MUST ANSWER ALL 5 SECTIONS ON THIS PAPER.

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SECTION 1

(50 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 15 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

YOU MUST ANSWER TEN OF THE FOLLOWING TWENTY QUESTIONS.

IN QUESTIONS WHERE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TICK ✓ THE CORRECT BOX,

TICK ONE BOX ONLY.

(All questions carry 5 marks each)

1. In religious traditions the term ‘preaching’ refers to _____

2. Jesus of Nazareth was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

3. Going on a pilgrimage is one example of participation in worship.

Name **another** example of participation in worship. _____

4. The Gospels describe how the title ‘Son of Man’ was given to Jesus by the first Christians.

Name **another** title that was given to Jesus in the Gospels. _____

5. The gifts of the Holy Spirit being received by the disciples of Jesus is most associated with which **one** of the following - (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Ascension Pentecost Resurrection

6. In religious traditions the term ‘mission’ refers to _____

7. Holi is a religious festival that is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Buddhism Hinduism Judaism

8. Read the list of places of pilgrimage and the list of world religions given below. One place of pilgrimage has been matched to the world religion with which it is most associated as an example for you. Make **one** other match.

<i>Places of Pilgrimage</i>
Varanasi
The Wailing Wall
Medina
The Holy Land
Bohd Gaya

<i>World Religions</i>
Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism

Example:

The Holy Land	Christianity
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Answer:

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9. The celebration of seven sacraments is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- Christianity Islam Judaism
10. Christianity is one example of monotheism.
Name **another** world religion that is an example of monotheism. _____
11. In religious traditions the term ‘martyrdom’ refers to _____

12. The Our Father/Lord’s Prayer is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- Buddhism Christianity Judaism
13. Libertarianism holds the view that _____

14. Morality refers to a person’s understanding of what is right and wrong in a situation. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False
15. In religious traditions the term ‘ministry’ refers to _____

16. The Shahada/Shahadah is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- Buddhism Hinduism Islam
17. One characteristic of mature faith is _____

18. Brahman is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Hinduism Islam Judaism
19. In religious traditions the term ‘reconciliation’ refers to _____

20. An atheist believes in God. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

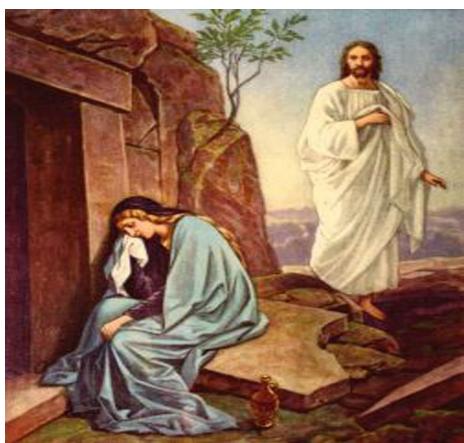
SECTION 2

(30 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 15 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON EACH.
(All questions carry 10 marks each)

Question 1. This picture is based on a Gospel account of the resurrection of Jesus.



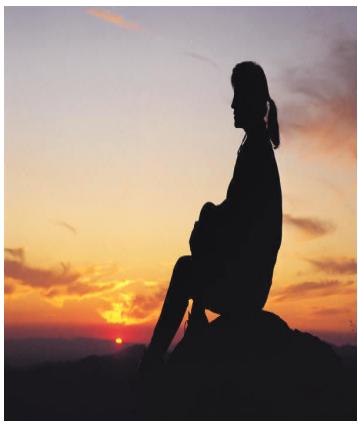
- A. Pick **one** thing from this picture which suggests that it is based on the resurrection of Jesus.
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- B. On which of the following days of the week did the disciples of Jesus first discover his resurrection from the dead? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- Friday Saturday Sunday
- C. State **two** ways that the first Christians were affected by the resurrection of Jesus.

i.

ii.

(6 marks)

Question 2. This is a photograph of a person taking time for reflection.



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- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that this person is involved in reflection.
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- B. In religious traditions the term 'reflection' refers to _____
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- C. State **two** reasons why having time for reflection is important for the members of a community of faith.
- i.
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- ii.
-
-
- (6 marks)

Question 3. This is a photograph of people praying.



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- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that these people are praying.

(2 marks)

- B. In religious traditions communal prayer involves _____

(2 marks)

- C. State **two** reasons why the members of a community of faith participate in communal prayer.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of people working for justice.



Adapted from www.peaceeagle.org

- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that these people are working for justice.

(2 marks)

- B. Give **another** example of a way in which the members of a community of faith can work for justice.

(2 marks)

- C. State **two** reasons why the members of a community of faith work for justice.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

SECTION 3

(50 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 15 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT AND ANSWER ALLTHE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.



On the first Sunday in November 1987 people gathered in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, to remember those killed in past wars. As people gathered at the war memorial a bomb exploded showering the area with debris. Gordon Wilson and his 20 year old daughter Marie, a student nurse, were buried several feet under the rubble. In the dark and chaos, father and daughter just managed to reach out and hold hands. Gordon asked his daughter "Are you all right Marie?" Marie squeezed her father's hand saying "Daddy I love you very much." These were her last words. The bomb killed eleven people including Marie, who later died in hospital. Gordon Wilson, her heart-broken father, was injured in the explosion but amazed reporters who interviewed him that evening when he said "I bear no ill will I bear no grudge" towards the bombers as it is "not going to bring her back to life." He said that because his daughter's last words were words of love, he would pray for the people responsible for the bombing and be thankful for the strength of God's never-ending love. Throughout the rest of his life Gordon Wilson was often called upon to speak about this experience. Through the meetings he attended, the interviews he gave and his writing, Gordon Wilson worked hard to bring about peace and overcome bitterness between people.

(Source: Adapted from Revolutionary Christians by C. Richards)

1. a. Describe **one** way in which forgiveness can be seen in the above extract.

(10 marks)

- b. Explain how *either* integrity *or* religious faith can be seen in the above extract.

(10 marks)

2. a. In religious traditions the term ‘sin’ refers to _____

- b. Outline **one** example of the teaching on forgiveness found in a major world religion that you have studied.

(World Religion)

(10 marks)

3. Profile how the members of a major world religion express their need for forgiveness in an act of worship.

(15 marks)

SECTION 4

(200 marks)

**YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 55 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.
YOU MUST ANSWER FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING SIX QUESTIONS.**

(All questions carry 50 marks each)

Question 1. COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

- A. a. Dr. Yaakov Pearlman is the name of a leader associated with a community of faith in Ireland. Name **another** leader associated with a community of faith in Ireland.

(5 marks)

- b. Being a leader is one part that a person can play within a community of faith. Describe what is involved in **two** other roles that people can have within a community of faith.

i.

ii. _____

(14 marks)

- c. Explain **one** reason why having a variety of roles within a community of faith is of benefit to its members.

(12 marks)

- B.** a. In religious traditions the term ‘revelation’ refers to the will of the divine/God/gods becoming known. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

(5 marks)

- b. Outline an example of how revelation can be seen in the story of **one** of the following major world religions:

◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

(World Religion)

(14 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — CHRISTIANITY

- A. a. Galilee is the name of one province that existed in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

Name **another** province in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

 (5 marks)

- b. Explain **two** reasons why there was conflict between the Roman and Jewish leaders in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

i.

ii.

(10 marks)

- B. a. Below you will find a list of events that occurred after the death of Jesus.
Number **each** event in the order in which it occurred.
Number 1 should be the first event and number 3 should be the last event.

Number: *Events that occurred after the death of Jesus:*

-
- _____ • Jesus appears to his disciples.
 - _____ • Jesus ascends into heaven.
 - _____ • Jesus is buried.

(9 marks)

- b. Explain why the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are known as the Synoptic Gospels.
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-
-

- c. Outline **two** expectations that the Jewish people had about the Kingdom of God at the time of Jesus.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

Question 3. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

- A. Tick ✓ one of the following major world religions that you have studied:

BUDDHISM □

HINDUISM □

ISLAM □

JUDAISM □

- a. Name **one** sacred text that is most associated with the world religion that you have ticked above.

(5 marks)

- b. Outline what was involved in **two** stages in the development of the sacred text that you have named above.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

- B.** a. Describe **one** example of how a sacred text is used in worship by the members of the world religion that you have ticked above.

(15 marks)

- b. Outline **two** ways in which a sacred text could influence the way of life of members in the world religion that you have ticked above.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

Question 4. THE QUESTION OF FAITH

- A. a. Describe **one** image of God that you have studied.

(10 marks)

- b. Outline how **one** source may have shaped the image of God that you have described above.

(12 marks)

- c. Explain **one** reason why a person's image of God may change as he/she grows from childhood to adulthood.

(12 marks)

- B.** Examine **two** ways in which religious practice has changed in Ireland over the past hundred years.

i. _____

ii. _____

(16 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

- A. Tick ✓**one** of the following major world religions that you have studied:

BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM

a. Name **one** religious building that has importance for the members of the world religion ticked above. _____ (5 marks)

b. Describe **two** ways in which the building that you have named above is used by the members of a major world religion.

i. _____

ii. _____

(14 marks)

- B.** a. Describe **one** example of what is involved in using meditation as a type of prayer.

(15 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why people use meditation as a type of prayer.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

Question 6. THE MORAL CHALLENGE

A. a. Outline **two** reasons why respect for the beliefs of others is important for the members of a major world religion.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

- b. Describe **one** example of the work being done by the members of a major world religion to promote respect for the beliefs of others.

(15 marks)

- B.** a. A person's conscience helps him/her to _____

(5 marks)

(5 marks)

- b. Discuss how a person's conscience can develop as he/she grows to moral maturity.

(16 marks)

SECTION 5

(70 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 20 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

YOU MUST ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SIX QUESTIONS.

(All questions carry 70 marks each)

Question 1.

Profile **one** community of faith that you have studied under the following headings:

- i. LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE.
- ii. CHALLENGES TO LEADERSHIP.

Question 2.

Outline **two** characteristics that Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God in his parables.

Question 3.

Examine how the experience of expansion shaped the development of **one** of the following major world religions:

◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

Question 4.

Science and religion offer two very different accounts of how the world began.

Discuss the evidence for this statement making reference to both the scientific and the religious views of creation.

Question 5.

Some experiences in life can make people wonder about the meaning of life.

- a. Examine the way in which an experience in a person's life could make him/her wonder about the mystery of life.
- b. Outline **one** example of how a person's search for the meaning of life could be expressed in an act of worship.

Question 6.

● AUTHORITY ● TRADITION

Outline how **each** of the above could guide the judgement of members in a community of faith about what is right and wrong on an issue.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GIVE THE NUMBER OF THE QUESTION YOU ARE ANSWERING IN THE SPACE BELOW.

Section 5. Question _____

(70 marks)

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