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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — HIGHER LEVEL

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2. WRITE ALL ANSWERS INTO THIS ANSWER BOOK.
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 ‘synoptic’ refers to _____

2. A tabernacle is a religious object most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Buddhism Christianity Hinduism

3. In religious traditions a ‘denomination’ is _____

4. Co-operation can be described as a characteristic of a community of faith.
Name **another** characteristic of a community of faith. _____

5. An Arti lamp is a religious object most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Hinduism Islam Judaism

6. The constitution of a State contains a set of _____

7. At the time of Jesus’ birth Bethlehem was in the province of _____

8. The Torah is a sacred text most associated with Buddhism. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

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

Prayers	World Religions
The Apostles' Creed	Buddhism
The Paritta	Christianity
The Shahadah	Hinduism
The Shema	Islam
The Rig Veda	Judaism

Prayer	World Religion
The Apostles' Creed	Christianity

Answer:	

10. An example of a religious moral code is _____

11. Polytheism is the belief in — (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Many gods No God One God
12. Freedom in the process of moral decision-making involves _____

13. Shabbat is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?
(Tick ✓ the correct box)
Buddhism Islam Judaism
14. In a religious tradition the term ‘revelation’ refers to _____

15. Morality is concerned with judgements of right and wrong. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False
16. In religious traditions the term ‘sacred’ refers to _____

17. The Burka is an item of clothing most associated with Islam. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False
18. Atheism holds the view that _____

19. John was the first of the evangelists to write a Gospel. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False
20. Being a shepherd is an image of God associated with a religious tradition.
Name **another** image of God that is associated with a religious tradition. _____

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 is a photograph of a person preaching during a religious service.



(Source: www.anglicantaonga.org.nz)

- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that the person is preaching during a religious service.

(2 marks)

- B. A pulpit is a place associated with preaching.

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

(2 marks)

- C. State **two** purposes that preaching can have within a community of faith.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 2. This is a photograph of a person living out a religious vocation.



(Source: theinnerkingdom.wordpress.com)

- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that the person has a religious vocation.

(2 marks)

- B. In religious traditions a ‘vocation’ is a calling to _____

(2 marks)

- C. State **two** ways that a religious person can live out his/her vocation other than the way shown in the photograph.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 3. This is a photograph of a religious ceremony.



(Source: blogspot.com)

- A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this is a religious ceremony.

(2 marks)

- B. Name **another** ceremony where the members of a world religion celebrate a religious occasion in a person's life.

(2 marks)

- C. State **two** reasons why the members of a world religion have a religious ceremony to celebrate an occasion of religious importance in a person's life.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of a poster for a religious event.



(Source: Adapted from SoftKey Multimedia & Expert Software INC)

- A. Pick **one** thing from this poster which suggests that it is inviting people to a religious event.

(2 marks)

- B. State **one** factor that could influence a person's religious practice.

(2 marks)

- C. Give **two** reasons why religious practice is important for the members of a community of faith.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

SECTION 3

(50 marks)

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

READ THE FOLLOWING PHONE CONVERSATION AND ANSWER
ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Group: Sam, Alex, Phil, Ali  Call

We're just back after collecting my Dad from the airport. He is home for my 13th birthday and for the Synagogue ceremony. It's great that all the family will be together for the occasion. I'm nervous about being the centre of attention during the ceremony but I'll draw courage from knowing that God and my family are by my side. *Sam* ☺

Alex:

Yes I agree, it's great the way religion can unite people. Yesterday there was a prayer service in my Church. The place was crowded. We prayed for people in need who are going through hard times and thanked God for all the good things in life.

Phil:

Tell me why you are so sure about the existence of God? I'm doubtful about the existence of God. My friend has just died and I'm wondering — Why do people have to die so young? I can see how religion helps people to deal with hard times in their lives but I find it difficult to believe when I cannot see God or prove for certain that God exists.

Ali:

I just want to say that being close to God is very important to me. Things exist even though we can't see them or prove their existence. I light candles every day at a shrine in my home and pray to my favourite God about my hopes and worries.

1. Explain how the above phone conversation shows what is meant by **one** of the following terms: ● AGNOSTICISM ● EXPERIENCING GOD

(10 marks)

2. a. In religious traditions to have ‘faith’ involves _____
_____ (5 marks)

- b. Describe how **two** factors could influence the development of a person's religious faith.

i.

ii.

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(10 marks)

3. Questions about the meaning of life today are sometimes expressed in the following ways:

● BOOKS ● FILMS ● MUSIC

Outline an example of how people asking questions about the meaning of life today can be seen in **one** of the ways listed above.

(10 marks)

- 4.** *People sometimes turn to religion as a source of meaning in life.*

Describe an example of how the teaching of **one** of the following world religions could help believers find answers in their search for the meaning of life.

◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

(World Religion)

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(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. In religious traditions the term 'sectarianism' refers to _____

b) Examine two ways that the lives of people can be affected by sectarianism.

- b. Examine **two** ways that the lives of people can be affected by sectarianism.

i.

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11. _____

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- c. Describe **one** example of how unity between Christians is being encouraged in Ireland today.

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- B.** a. In religious traditions the term ‘ministry’ refers to the service a person performs in a community of faith. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

(5 marks)

- b. Outline what is involved in **one** example of a ministry in a community of faith that you have studied.

(14 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — CHRISTIANITY

- A. a. The High Priest was a member of the Sanhedrin in Palestine at the time of Jesus.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

(5 marks)

- b. Describe the role the Sanhedrin played in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

(15 marks)

- B.** a. Peter was one of the first Christians. Name **another** person who was one of the first disciples of Jesus. _____ (5 marks)

b. JESUS' ASCENSION PENTECOST

Tick ✓ one of the above and describe what happened in the event.

(10 marks)

- c. Outline how the first Christians were affected by the event that you have ticked above.

(15 marks)

Question 3. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

- A. a. Read the list of religious symbols and the list of world religions given below.

Match **one** symbol to the world religion with which it is most associated.

<i>Religious Symbols</i>	<i>World Religions</i>
The Star of David	Buddhism
The Eight-Spoked Wheel	Hinduism
Om/Aum	Islam
Crescent Moon	Judaism

Answer:

<i>Religious Symbol</i>	<i>World Religion</i>

(5 marks)

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

BUDDHISM □

HINDUISM □

ISLAM

JUDAISM

Outline how a religious symbol is associated with the world religion that you have ticked above.

(Religious Symbol)

(14 marks)

- c. Describe what happened in **one** example of a time when great commitment to faith was shown by the members of the world religion that you have ticked in *part Ab* above.

(15 marks)

- B.** Explain how a connection exists between **two** of the following world religions:

 - ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

(16 marks)

Question 4. THE QUESTION OF FAITH

- A. a. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM**

Describe an example of the teaching on the creation of the world that is associated with **one** of the world religions listed above.

(World Religion)

(10 marks)

- b. Compare the teaching on the creation of the world that you have described above with that found in **another** major world religion.

(12 marks)

Outline what is involved in **one** of the ways of looking at the world listed above and describe an example of how it can be seen in society today.

(14 marks)

- b. Describe **two** characteristics that are typical of a child's faith.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

A. a. Read the list of religious rituals and the list of world religions given below.

Match **one** religious ritual to the world religion with which it is most associated.

<i>Religious Rituals</i>	<i>World Religions</i>
Blowing a Shofar	Buddhism
Giving Dana	Christianity
Samskaras	Hinduism
The Sign of the Cross	Islam
Wudu	Judaism

Answer:

<i>Religious Ritual</i>	<i>World Religion</i>

(5 marks)

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

BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM

Describe what is involved in a religious ritual that is associated with the world religion that you have ticked above.

(*Religious Ritual*)

(14 marks)

B. a. Examine how the religious beliefs of a major world religion are expressed in a religious ritual.

(*Religious Ritual*)

(15 marks)

- b. Outline **two** ways that the members of a major world religion can benefit from participating in religious rituals.

1.

ii.

(16 marks)

Question 6. THE MORAL CHALLENGE

A. a.



(Source: SoftKey Multimedia)

I have responsibilities, as my actions have an effect on others.

Examine the role the idea expressed above plays in how a morally mature person decides what is right and wrong.

(12 marks)

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- b. Considering the consequences is one stage in the process of making a moral decision.

Describe what is involved in **another** stage of the process a person goes through in deciding what is the right thing to do in a situation.

(15 marks)

- B. a. In religious traditions stewardship involves a person's responsibility to _____

(5 marks)

(5 marks)

- b. Describe **two** examples of how stewardship is encouraged by the teaching of a major world religion.

i.

ii.

(18 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.

Examine what is involved in **two** ways of promoting dialogue between different major world religions in Ireland today.

Question 2.

Imagine you have to give a talk on the way the Early Christians used the following titles for Jesus:

- NEW CREATION
- SON OF MAN

Outline the points that you would make in your talk on the meaning of **each** title and explain how the use of **each** title shows the Early Christians' new understanding of Jesus.

Question 3.

- ◆ BUDDHISM
- ◆ HINDUISM
- ◆ ISLAM
- ◆ JUDAISM

Describe what happened during a time of persecution in **one** the world religions listed above and outline how it affected the members of the world religion.

Question 4.

People can look at the world from different points of view -

- HUMANISM
- INDIVIDUALISM

Explain how **each** of the above views could influence a person's search for the meaning of life today.

Question 5.

Examine the role a religious icon plays in worship for the members of a major world religion.

Question 6.

- RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM
- LIBERTARIANISM

Profile an example of how there could be conflict on a moral issue between a country's law and **one** of the points of view listed above.

**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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