



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit**  
State Examinations Commission  
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**To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools**  
**Leaving Certificate Religious Education 2021**  
**Prescribed Titles for Practical Coursework**

1. A new syllabus for Leaving Certificate Religious Education was introduced in September 2003 and was examined for the first time in 2005.
2. The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements:  
(1) a final written paper, and (2) coursework.
3. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. At both levels, coursework will account for 20% of the marks.
4. The titles for coursework for the Leaving Certificate examination 2021 are attached. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to submit coursework on **one title only** taken from *either* Section F *or* Section G. Candidates should note that they will not be examined on these sections of the syllabus in the written examination in 2021.
5. Guidelines for undertaking coursework are included in *Religious Education Leaving Certificate Higher and Ordinary Level - Guidelines for Teachers* which was issued with the syllabus in June 2003.
6. The coursework must be submitted in a standard form in a booklet, which will be issued in due course for that purpose. The coursework booklet will be broken into two components, Part A and Part B.
  - Part A will request a summary of the candidate's investigation of the chosen title.
  - Part B will be for the candidate's personal reflection on the learning, skills and experience gained through undertaking coursework on the chosen title.
7. Please bring this circular and the attached list of coursework titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.
8. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.
9. If you have any queries regarding this circular please telephone 0906442746/0906442825.

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**PRESCRIBED TITLES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSEWORK**  
**FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2021**

A choice of two titles is given in each of Sections F and G below. Candidates should base their coursework on **one** title only, taken from *either* Section F *or* Section G.

**SECTION F                    ISSUES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE**

**F. 1**                    An analysis of the causes and effects structural violence has in a situation, as well as the approach that is taken to this form of violence in the teaching of **one** of the following world religions:

◆ BUDDHISM    ◆ CHRISTIANITY    ◆ HINDUISM    ◆ ISLAM    ◆ JUDAISM

**F. 2**                    A case study on how an environmental issue has been highlighted through the life and work of **one** commentator on religion and the environment.

**SECTION G                    WORSHIP, PRAYER AND RITUAL**

**G. 1**                    ● HERMITAGE    ● PILGRIMAGE    ● POUSTINIA    ● RETREAT

An investigation into how the contemplative tradition is expressed in **two** of the above practices and the reasons why both of these practices are popular among the members of a major world religion today.

**G. 2**                    An exploration of the role that reflection plays in the way believers worship within **two** of the following world religions:

◆ BUDDHISM    ◆ CHRISTIANITY    ◆ HINDUISM    ◆ ISLAM    ◆ JUDAISM