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To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools Prescribed Titles for Religious Education Journal Work for Junior Certificate 2018 and 2019

1. A new syllabus for Religious Education was introduced in September 2000 and was examined for the first time in the Junior Certificate examination of 2003.
2. The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements – (1) a final written paper, and (2) journal work. The titles for journal work for the Junior Certificate examination of 2018 were issued with Circular S91/16. The titles for journal work for the Junior Certificate examination of 2019 are attached, as are the titles for 2018.
3. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to submit journal work on **one title only**.
4. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. **At both levels, journal work will account for 20% of the marks. Please note that this mark allocation supersedes that given in the syllabus for Religious Education.**
5. In undertaking journal work candidates may work in groups or undertake a visit or investigation as a whole class. However, each candidate must complete and submit an individual journal for assessment.
6. Guidelines for undertaking journal work are included in *Religious Education - Guidelines for Teachers* which was issued in June 2001.
7. The journal work must be submitted in a standard form in a booklet which will be supplied for that purpose by the State Examinations Commission. Candidates taking the examination in 2018 will be supplied with the booklet in 2017. Candidates taking the examination in 2019 will be supplied with the booklet in 2018.
8. Please bring this circular and the attached lists of journal work titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.
9. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

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Executive Officer
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Prescribed Titles for Religious Education Journal Work for the Junior Certificate Examination 2018

Two titles are given for each section of the syllabus. Candidates are required to submit journal work on **one title only**. Candidates may select any **one** from the following list of journal work titles:

Section A. Communities of Faith

- a. 1. An exploration of the need for a variety of roles, including the leader's role, within *either* a Church *or* Religious Order in Ireland today.
- a. 2. A case study on the ways that a calling to serve is involved in a vocation within **one** community of faith in Ireland today.

Section B. Foundations of Religion – Christianity

- b. 1. An investigation into the reasons why Jesus of Nazareth came into conflict during his life, with the religious and political authorities in Palestine.
- b. 2. A study of what Jesus taught through his miracles about the treatment of sinners and other outsiders in the Kingdom of God.

Section C. Foundations of Religion – Major World Religions

- c. 1. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM
In the history of world religions there are key moments that shape their development.
A profile of the way in which **one** of the above world religions has been shaped by the experience of *either* persecution *or* schism.
- c. 2. A study of how religious belief is expressed in the main features of a place of prayer associated with **one** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam *or* Judaism.

Section D. The Question of Faith

- d. 1. A comparison of the pattern of religious practice found in Ireland today with that found in another part of Europe.
- d. 2. A profile of the ways that a monotheistic understanding of God is expressed in **one** of the following world religions: Christianity, Islam *or* Judaism.

Section E. The Celebration of Faith

- e. 1. An exploration of the role sacraments play in **one** Christian denomination and the role religious symbols play in **another** major world religion.
- e. 2. An examination of the reasons why a special season or day, during each calendar year, has religious importance for the members of **one** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam *or* Judaism.

Section F. The Moral Challenge

- f. 1. A study of what promotes moral behaviour among adolescents today.
- f. 2. An examination of how the need for integrity in relationships is expressed in the teaching of **two** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam *or* Judaism.

Prescribed Titles for Religious Education Journal Work for the Junior Certificate Examination 2019

Two titles are given for each section of the syllabus. Candidates are required to submit journal work on **one title only**. Candidates may select any **one** from the following list of journal work titles:

Section A. Communities of Faith

- a. 1. A profile of **two** ways that religious commitment is expressed by the members of a community of faith in Ireland today.
- a. 2. A case study on the effect that the movement for unity between Christian denominations has on the lives of Christians in Ireland today.

Section B. Foundations of Religion – Christianity

- b. 1. • MATTHEW • MARK • LUKE
An examination of how the point of view of **one** of the above evangelists influenced the way that his Gospel came to be written.
- b. 2. A case study on how Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God impacts on the lives of Christians today.

Section C. Foundations of Religion – Major World Religions

- c. 1. An examination of how an experience of revelation featured in the founding story of **one** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam *or* Judaism.
- c. 2. A profile of how prayer can be a key feature in the daily life of members in **one** of the following world religions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam *or* Judaism.

Section D. The Question of Faith

- d. 1. Research into the religious practices that are popular among adolescent believers in **one** of the following world religions in Ireland today: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam *or* Judaism.
- d. 2. A reflection on how **two** experiences in life could give a person a sense of awe and wonder about the meaning of life.

Section E. The Celebration of Faith

- e. 1. An investigation into how a sense of the sacred is expressed in worship by the members of **one** major world religion that you have studied.
- e. 2. *Religious icons can be described as symbolic images.*
An exploration of the reasons why **one** such religious icon is used in prayer by a community of faith in Ireland today.

Section F. The Moral Challenge

- f. 1. Research into the factors that influence the moral development of adolescents in Ireland today.
- f. 2. An analysis of the reasons why stewardship is encouraged within **one** of the following major world religions in Ireland today: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam *or* Judaism.