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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - HIGHER LEVEL

Total Marks: 400

THURSDAY, 11 JUNE - AFTERNOON, 2.00 to 4.00

General Directions for Candidates

1. Write your EXAMINATION NUMBER in this box:

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 ‘contemplation’ is a type of prayer which involves _____

2. Jesus died on which of the following days of the week. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
 Easter Sunday Good Friday Holy Thursday

3. One example of a world religion associated with polytheism is _____

4. The prophet Muhammad is most associated with which **one** of the following major world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
 Buddhism Islam Judaism

5. To trust is to have confidence in the truth of something. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
 True False

6. In religious traditions the term ‘denomination’ means _____

7. Brahman is associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
 Hinduism Isalm Judaism

8. In religious traditions the term ‘vocation’ means a calling to _____

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.

<i>Prayers</i>
The Our Father/The Lord’s Prayer
The Shahada/Shahadah
The Shema
The Paritta
The Rig Veda

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

Example:

The Our Father/ The Lord’s Prayer	Christianity
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Answer:

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10. In religious traditions an ‘icon’ is _____

11. A tradition is a newly established practice. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

12. In religious traditions the term 'immoral' means _____

13. Worship involves activities in which God is honoured. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

14. In religious traditions the term 'creed' means _____

15. The Roman governor in Palestine at the time of Jesus was Pontius Pilate. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

16. Religious fundamentalism holds the view that _____

17. Historical evidence for the existence of Jesus of Nazareth can be found in the writings of – (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Hosea Isaiah Tacitus

18. In religious traditions the term 'sacred' means _____

19. Abraham is most associated with which world religion? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Buddhism Hinduism Judaism

20. In religious traditions the term 'sin' means _____

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 people sharing in a community of faith.



RexFeatures/SIPA

A. Pick one thing from this photograph which shows sharing among the people in this community of faith.

(2 marks)

B. Give one other example of a way in which sharing can be seen in a community of faith.

(2 marks)

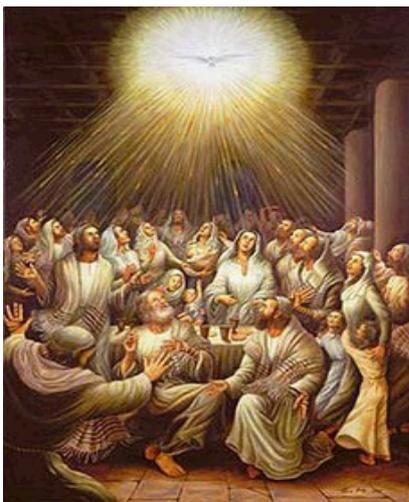
C. State two reasons why sharing is important for members of a community of faith.

i.

ii.

(6 marks)

Question 2. This picture is based on the first Christians' experience of Pentecost.



masbury.files.wordpress.com

A. Pick one thing from this picture which shows that it is based on the first Christians' experience of Pentecost.

(2 marks)

B. The first Christians experienced Pentecost after the death of Jesus. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False (2 marks)

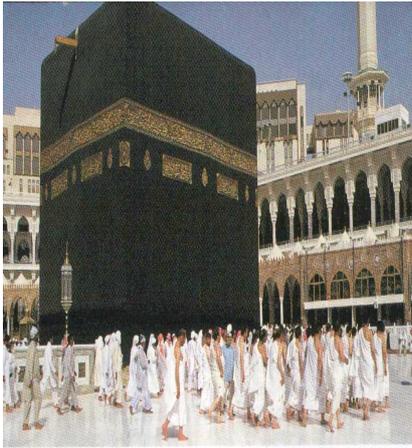
C. State two effects the experience of Pentecost had on the first Christians.

i.

ii.

(6 marks)

Question 3. This is a photograph of people taking part in a religious pilgrimage.



Ruqaiyyah Waris Maqsood 1993

A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which shows that these people are taking part in a pilgrimage.

(2 marks)

B. Buddhism Hinduism Islam Judaism

Tick ✓ **one** of the above world religions and name a place of pilgrimage associated with it.

(2 marks)

C. State **two** reasons why members of a world religion would take part in a pilgrimage.

i.

ii.

(6 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of members of a community of faith showing respect at the tomb of Pope John Paul II.



Irish Independent

A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that the members of this community of faith are showing respect at this tomb.

(2 marks)

B. Give **one** other example of a way in which members of a community of faith can show respect.

(2 marks)

C. State **two** reasons why showing respect is important for 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 INTERVIEW AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Jo: What was it like growing up in Ireland in the 1950s?
Mr Murphy: Things were very different then, compared to how they are today, in many ways.
Jo: What about religious practice, has that changed much since the 1950s?
Mr Murphy: The way people practice their religion has changed a lot. When I was young most people attended religious services every week. In my family we went to Mass every Sunday. The whole family would get up early and put on our best clothes. We would go without any breakfast because we had to fast before receiving Holy Communion. My mother and sisters always wore scarves on their heads when they went to religious services.
Jo: Did you enjoy going to religious services with your family every week?
Mr Murphy: Yes I did. I enjoyed spending time with my family and it also gave me a chance to meet my friends and everyone in my parish. However participating in religious services then was different to how it is today.
Jo: In what way was it different?
Mr Murphy: For a start, Mass was said in Latin which I did not understand so, as you can imagine, I found it very hard to be involved. The priest had his back to the people and they were not as involved in the prayers during Mass. Whereas today when I go to Mass the priest is facing me, he is speaking a language that I can understand and I can be more actively involved.
Jo: Do you still go to religious services every week?
Mr Murphy: Yes I do. I believe it is very important to be active in my parish and I still enjoy meeting my family and friends at religious services. Unfortunately I see less people at religious services each week and this makes me very sad.

1. From your reading of the above interview outline **two** examples of changes in religious practice that have taken place in Ireland since the 1950s.

i.

ii.

(12 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. Explain **two** reasons why belonging to a community of faith could be important for a person.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

b. Communication Co-operation

Tick ✓ **one** of the above and explain why it is important for a community of faith.

(15 marks)

B. a. In religious traditions the term ‘sectarianism’ means _____

_____ (5 marks)

B. a. Explain **two** reasons why the Gospels are described as documents of faith.

i.

ii.

(18 marks)

b. Outline what was involved in **three** different stages in the development of the Gospels.

i.

ii.

iii.

(15 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

A. a. Buddhism Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism
Tick ✓ **one** of the world religions above that you have studied.

Name **one** symbol associated with the world religion you have ticked above.

_____ (5 marks)

b. Describe the meaning of the symbol you have named above for members of the world religion with which it is associated.

(15 marks)

c. Explain **two** reasons why people use a symbol to express religious faith.

i.

ii.

(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 in Ireland today that you have studied using the following headings:

- i. Inspiring Vision.
- ii. Ministry.

Question 2.

Describe life in Palestine at the time of Jesus referring to each of the following:

- i. The political structures.
- ii. The religious structures.

Question 3.

◆ Buddhism ◆ Hinduism ◆ Islam ◆ Judaism

Discuss the importance of a sacred text in **one** of the above major world religions that you have studied.

Question 4.

Examine how the religious belief of a person could be challenged by each of the following:

- i. Agnosticism.
- ii. Atheism.

Question 5.

In worship people sometimes give expression to their experience of mystery in life.

- i. Examine how **one** situation in life could be an experience of mystery for a person.
- ii. Describe **one** example of worship and explain how it allows a person to express the experience of mystery in life.

Question 6.

Analyse the ways in which a religious moral code expresses the beliefs of a world religion you have studied.

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