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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - HIGHER LEVEL

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General Directions for Candidates

1. Write your EXAMINATION NUMBER in this box:

2. WRITE ALL ANSWERS INTO THIS ANSWER BOOK.

3. YOU MUST ATTEMPT 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. A miracle that Jesus performed during his life was – (Tick ✓ the correct box)
The Healing of the Lepers The Parting of the Red Sea The Return of the Prodigal Son

2. One example of an image of God that can be found in a major world religion is _____

3. The Gospel of John is a synoptic gospel. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

4. Baptism is one example of a Christian sacrament.
Name **one** other Christian sacrament _____

5. The Ten Commandments is an example of a moral code.
Name **one** other moral code _____

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

7. Atheism holds the view that _____

8. 'Patriarch' is the title given to a leader today in which **one** of the following Christian denominations? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Anglican Presbyterian Russian Orthodox

9. Praying is one way in which a person can honour God.
Name **another** way of honouring God. _____

10. In religious traditions the term 'preaching' means _____

11. Pluralism holds the view that all groups within a society have a right to carry out their religious and cultural practices. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

12. An example of table-fellowship from the life of Jesus is _____

13. In religious traditions 'schism' means _____

14. Read the list of people associated with the story of a world religion and the list of world religions given below. The name of one religious person has been matched to the world religion with which the person is most associated as an example for you. Make **one** other match.

People	World Religions
Khadijah	Buddhism
Mahatma Gandhi	Christianity
Mary Magdalene	Hinduism
Moses	Islam
Siddhartha Gautama	Judaism

Example:

Mary Magdalene	Christianity
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Answer:

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15. Archbishop Alan Harper is a leader associated with which Christian denomination in Ireland?

16. Morally mature people think only of themselves when making moral decisions. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

17. The prophet Isaiah is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Buddhism

Hinduism

Judaism

18. The Koran /Qur'an is most associated with which world religion? _____

19. In religious traditions an example of a ritual is _____

20. The term 'morality' 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 religious leaders at an ecumenical service.



www.comece.org

A. Pick one thing from the photograph which shows that this is an example of ecumenism.

(2 marks)

B. Give one other example of ecumenism.

(2 marks)

C. State two reasons why people work for ecumenism.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 2. This picture is based on Jesus teaching his disciples.



www.hithecc.org

A. Pick one thing from this picture which shows that the teaching of Jesus was important to his disciples.

(2 marks)

B. Name one of the first disciples of Jesus.

(2 marks)

C. State two things that Jesus taught his disciples about the Kingdom of God.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 3. This is a photograph of people using meditation during prayer.



www.minnesota.publicradio.org

A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which shows that these people are using meditation.

(2 marks)

B. What does the term ‘meditation’ mean in a religious tradition?

(4 marks)

C. State **two** reasons why people use meditation to pray.

i.

ii.

(4 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of people showing concern about a moral issue.



www.Mrzine.monthlyreview.org/okeefe200306.html

A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which shows that these people are concerned about a moral issue.

(2 marks)

B. Describe **one** other way in which people can show concern about a moral issue.

(4 marks)

C. State **two** things that can influence a person’s view of what is right and wrong.

i.

ii.

(4 marks)

SECTION 3

(50 marks)

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

READ THE FOLLOWING INTERNET CHAT ROOM CONVERSATION AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Chris: Any suggestions about this question I'm working on for my Religious Education homework – where do people find answers to questions about the meaning of life?

Dara: When I'm looking for answers to questions about life, I listen to music. Listening to the words of a song lets you hear what other people think about the meaning of life. What about you Chris – what do you think?

Chris: I like music too – but you need to think about what you hear. You can't just take someone else's answers to questions about life. The words of songs can help, but you still need to think things through.

Pat: When I'm thinking about life I remember the way my granddad found meaning in the things he did. Even if what he did was just weed a garden, or paint a wall, it made a difference and that gave his life meaning.

Chris: I know what you mean. I feel my life has meaning when something I've done has made a difference to others.

Sam: Family and friends are important too, they make a difference to me and I make a difference to them.

Dara: Religion helps me to find answers. It helps me to make sense of life. Praying gives me time to think things out for myself.

Sam: I also think life is about facing challenges and overcoming them. That's what gives my life meaning.

Chris: I've got to sign off now. My homework won't write itself, you know! Thanks for all the help!

1. Outline **two** ways in which this conversation shows people searching for the meaning of life.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

2. a. The term 'reflection' means _____

(6 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why reflection can help people in their search for the meaning of life.

i.

ii.

(10 marks)

3. Outline the way in which religion can help a person in his/her search for the meaning of life.

(10 marks)

4. ● Family ● Friends ● Work

Outline the way in which **one** of the above can help a person in his/her search for the meaning of life.

(10 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 what does the term ‘vocation’ mean?

(5 marks)

b. Outline **two** ways in which people live out their vocation in a community of faith you have studied.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

B. a. Describe **two** things that inspire the religious commitment of members in a community of faith you have studied.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

- b. Community Breakdown Religious Conflict

Tick ✓ **one** of the above and outline the way in which it is dealt with by a community of faith you have studied.

(15 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION – CHRISTIANITY

- A. a. Each of the different religious groups described below lived in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

Tick ✓ the box that most correctly matches each description to the name of a religious group given below. The first description has been correctly matched to the name of a religious group as an example for you.

<i>Religious Group 1</i>	<i>Religious Group 2</i>	<i>Religious Group 3</i>
We are wealthy aristocrats and have strong links with the Temple in Jerusalem. We accept Roman rule and have power in Palestine. The name of the religious group which matches this description is – (Tick ✓ the correct box) Pharisees <input type="checkbox"/> Sadducees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zealots <input type="checkbox"/>	We reject Roman rule in Palestine and are ready to fight the Romans. The name of the religious group which matches this description is – (Tick ✓ the correct box) Pharisees <input type="checkbox"/> Sadducees <input type="checkbox"/> Zealots <input type="checkbox"/>	We do not co-operate with the Romans. We run the local synagogues and are strict about keeping all the laws of Judaism. The name of the religious group which matches this description is – (Tick ✓ the correct box) Pharisees <input type="checkbox"/> Sadducees <input type="checkbox"/> Zealots <input type="checkbox"/>

(8 marks)

- b. ● Pharisees ● Sadducees ● Romans

Choose **two** of the above groups and explain why each came into conflict with Jesus.

i. _____

ii. _____

(14 marks)

- B.** a. Give **two** reasons why the Sanhedrin was important in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

i. _____

ii. _____

(14 marks)

- b. Outline what happened when Jesus was brought before the Sanhedrin.

(14 marks)

ii.

(20 marks)

Question 4. THE QUESTION OF FAITH

A. Buddhism Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism

Imagine you are doing a project on the creation of the world. Tick ✓ one of the above world religions and outline **two** points it teaches about the creation of the world.

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.

Outline the way in which leadership within a community of faith involves -

- i. Authority.
- ii. Service.

Question 2.

Examine the way in which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper as both a Passover meal and Eucharist.

Question 3.

◆ Buddhism ◆ Hinduism ◆ Islam ◆ Judaism

In the history of world religions there are key moments that shape their development.

Profile the way in which **one** of the above world religions has been shaped by experiencing a time of *either* persecution *or* expansion.

Question 4.

Imagine you are preparing a talk about religious belief in Ireland today. Outline what you would say about each of the following points –

- i. Changing patterns of religious belief in Ireland today.
- ii. Challenges to religious belief in Ireland today.

Question 5.

● Prayer of Petition ● Prayer of Praise ● Prayer of Thanksgiving

Examine how **two** of the above types of prayer express the religious beliefs of a major world religion you have studied.

Question 6.

- a. Outline what libertarianism sees as the relationship between personal morality and a country's law.
- b. Examine how there might be conflict between the libertarian point of view and a country's law on **one** moral issue you have studied.

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