



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2011

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — HIGHER LEVEL

FRIDAY, 24 JUNE — MORNING, 9.30 to 12.00

Total Marks: 320

General Directions for Candidates

CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- **ONE QUESTION FROM UNIT ONE**
- **TWO QUESTIONS FROM UNIT TWO**
- **ONE QUESTION FROM UNIT THREE**

YOU SHOULD SPEND APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES COMPLETING THIS UNIT.

YOU MUST ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS.

(All questions carry 80 marks each)

SECTION A THE SEARCH FOR MEANING AND VALUES

Question 1.

Answer a) and b).

- a) Outline how the Sophists in ancient Greece contributed to the development of philosophy.

(40 marks)

- b) Compare the way in which questions about the meaning of life are addressed in **two** myths from ancient times that you have studied.

(40 marks)



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Question 2.

Answer a) and b).

- a) *The development of non-religious communal values can be traced back to moments such as the rise of humanism, existentialism etc.*

Profile how any **two** such moments contributed to the development of non-religious communal values.

(40 marks)

- b) Examine the role polytheism played in the founding story of **one** monotheistic world religion that you have studied.

(40 marks)

UNIT TWO

(160 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND APPROXIMATELY 60 MINUTES COMPLETING THIS UNIT.
YOU MUST ANSWER **TWO** OF THE FOLLOWING THREE SECTIONS.

(All sections carry 80 marks each)

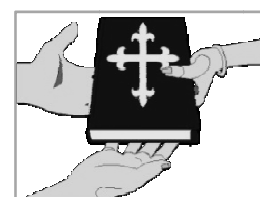
SECTION B CHRISTIANITY: ORIGINS AND CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSIONS

Answer a) and b).

- a) Examine **two** ways in which Jesus' Resurrection had an impact on the first Christians. (40 marks)

- b) Profile the understanding of Jesus that can be seen in the work of **two** writers of books about Christianity today.

(40 marks)



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SECTION C WORLD RELIGIONS

Answer a) and b).

- a) Compare the way in which members are organised at a local level in **each** of the following world religions:

◆ CHRISTIANITY

◆ JUDAISM

(40 marks)

- b) *Life in Ireland today can present challenges to world religions.*

Discuss the accuracy of this statement in relation to **two** of the following world religions:

◆ BUDDHISM

◆ CHRISTIANITY

◆ HINDUISM

◆ ISLAM

◆ JUDAISM

(40 marks)

SECTION D MORAL DECISION - MAKING

Answer a) and b).

- a) Outline the way in which individual rights are balanced with the idea of 'the common good' in **one** example of civil law that you have studied. (40 marks)

- b) Discuss the roles conscience and moral freedom play in the development of a morally mature person. (40 marks)

UNIT THREE

(80 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES COMPLETING THIS UNIT.

YOU MUST ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR SECTIONS.

(All sections carry 80 marks each)

SECTION E RELIGION AND GENDER

Answer a) and *either* b) i *or* ii *or* iii *or* iv.

- a) ● BIOLOGY ● PHILOSOPHY ● PSYCHOLOGY ● SOCIOLOGY

Discuss the contribution of **two** of the above to the way in which gender is understood today.

(40 marks)

- b) i. Compare the part played in salvation history by **two** women whose stories are told in the Hebrew Scriptures.

or

- ii. Examine the importance for Christians today of **two** encounters between Jesus and women that are described in the Christian Scriptures.

or

- iii. ● THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW ● THE GOSPEL OF MARK ● THE GOSPEL OF LUKE ● THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Compare the portrayal of Mary, the mother of Jesus in **one** of the above Gospels with the way in which she is viewed in a Christian denomination today.

or

- iv. Profile how the gender of **one** person or group has contributed to their experience of *either* empowerment *or* freedom in a major world religion.

(40 marks)

SECTION H THE BIBLE: LITERATURE AND SACRED TEXT

Answer a) and b).

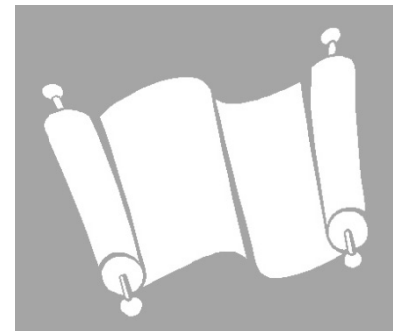
- a) *Storytelling is an important feature of Bible literature.*

Discuss this statement with reference to *either* the story of Job *or* one of Jesus' parables.

(40 marks)

- b) Outline how archaeological discoveries have contributed to the way in which the Bible is understood today.

(40 marks)



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SECTION I RELIGION: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE

Answer a) and b).

a) Outline **two** trends that can be seen in the pattern of religious practice among young people in Ireland today. (40 marks)

- b)
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AND THE IDEAS OF
THE ENLIGHTENMENT |

Assess the influence of **one** of the above on the development of Christianity in Ireland. (40 marks)

SECTION J RELIGION AND SCIENCE

- GOD OF THE GAPS ● GOD AS CREATOR

Discuss the impact of **each** of the above images of God on the relationship between religion and science.

(80 marks)



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