



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2010

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - HIGHER LEVEL

FRIDAY, 25 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).

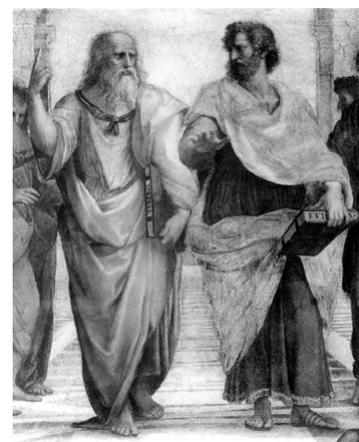
- a) Imagine that Aristotle was alive today and came to speak in your school about his ideas.

Based on your knowledge of the philosophical thinking of Aristotle outline **two** ideas that you think he might talk about.

(40 marks)

- b) Investigate how any **one** of Aristotle’s philosophical ideas shows a keen reflection on the world as he experienced it.

(40 marks)



Source: Raffaello Sanzio

Question 2.

Answer a) and b).



“What’s wrong with the world ...?” – Black Eyed Peas



This line from a song is an example of a person searching for meaning and value in the world.

- i. Describe **two** other examples of how questions about the search for the meaning of life can be seen in today’s culture. (20 marks)
- ii. Outline **two** factors that could block a person from searching for the meaning of life in society today. (20 marks)

- b) Examine how religious behaviour can be seen in **one** rite associated with an ancient society 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) i. Outline **two** ways in which the Jewish religious authorities at the time of Jesus were threatened by his teaching. (20 marks)
- ii. Explain **two** reasons why the Roman political authorities in Palestine were threatened by the teaching of Jesus. (20 marks)
- b) ● CORINTH ● PHILIPPI ● THESSALONICA
- Examine the problems faced by the early Christians in **one** of the above places when the Christian community was becoming established there. (40 marks)

SECTION C WORLD RELIGIONS

Answer a) and b).

- a) ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM
- Profile the origins of inter-faith dialogue in **two** of the major world religions listed above. (40 marks)
- b) *The results of the 2006 Irish Census show that members of a variety of different religions are living in Ireland.*
- Compare the range of different religions that exist in Ireland today with the range of religions in another part of Europe. (40 marks)

SECTION D MORAL DECISION-MAKING

Answer a) and b).

- a) ● FAMILY ● FRIENDS ● MEDIA
- Discuss the influence of **two** of the above on the development of a morally mature person. (40 marks)
- b) Examine how Jesus' preaching on 'the law of love' influences members in **one** Christian denomination that you have studied. (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 F ISSUES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

Answer a) and b).

- a) ● PERSONAL VIOLENCE ● STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE

Describe what is meant by **one** of the term listed above and outline how someone might attempt to justify this form of violence. (40 marks)

- b) Profile the way in which violence is viewed by **one** major world religion that you have studied.

(40 marks)

SECTION G WORSHIP, PRAYER AND RITUAL

Answer a) and b).

- a) ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

All religions regard certain times or seasons as sacred.

Compare the features that mark a time or season as sacred in **two** of the major world religions listed above. (40 marks)

- b) *For Christians the things of this world are so transparent that in them and through them they know God's presence.*

Discuss this statement with reference to the meaning of sacrament in **two** Christian denominations that you have studied.

(40 marks)



SECTION I RELIGION: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE

After Saint Patrick early Irish Christianity developed in many distinctive ways.

Profile **two** ways in which Irish Christianity developed in the centuries immediately after the time of Saint Patrick.

(80 marks)

SECTION J RELIGION AND SCIENCE

Answer *either a) or b).*

a) *The debate about the origins of life on earth is one that unites theologians and scientists.*

Discuss this statement making reference to the similarities and differences in the approach taken by religion and science to the debate about the origins of life on earth. (80 marks)

or

- b)
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| ● THE BEGINNING | ● THE PROLONGING | ● THE ENDING |
| OF HUMAN LIFE | OF HUMAN LIFE | OF HUMAN LIFE |

Discuss the ethical issues that arise in science and religion in relation to **two** of the above. (80 marks)

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