



# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2004

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – HIGHER LEVEL

Total Marks: 400

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE - MORNING, 9.30 to 11.30

### *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 ATTEMPT **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. Son of God is a title the first Christian communities used when referring to –  
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

James           Jesus           John           Joseph

2. To worship is to show a lack of religious belief. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True           False

3. Read the list of religious festivals and world religions given below. One religious festival has been matched to the religion with which it is associated as an example for you. Make **one** other match.

Religious Festivals	Religions
Christmas	Buddhism
Eid-ul Adha	Christianity
Holi	Hinduism
Rosh Hashanah	Islam
Sangha Day	Judaism

**Example:**

Christmas	Christianity
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**Answer:**

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4. Jesus was baptised in the river - (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Ganges           Jordan           Nile           Tiber

5. The title Imam is associated with a leader in which world religion?
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6. Tolerance between communities of faith can be seen when people are willing to respect different religious beliefs and opinions. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True           False

7. An historical source of evidence for the life of Jesus is - (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Jacob           Job           Josephus           Joshua

8. Archbishop Seán Brady is a leader associated with which Christian denomination in Ireland?
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9. The Last Supper was a meal associated with which of the following religious celebrations?

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

Bar Mitzvah           Hanukkah           Passover           Sukkot

10. In religious traditions a journey to a shrine or other sacred place is called a \_\_\_\_\_

11. Mark was the last of the evangelists to write a gospel. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True  False

12. Baptism is an example of a Christian sacrament.

Name another Christian sacrament \_\_\_\_\_

13. Read the list of religious objects and world religions given below. One object has been matched to the religion with which it is associated as an example for you. Make **one** other match.

Religious Objects	Religions
Arti lamp	Buddhism
Baptismal Font	Christianity
Mezuzah	Hinduism
Prayer Mat	Islam
Stupa	Judaism

Example: 

Baptismal Font	Christianity
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Answer: 

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14. One example of Polytheism is \_\_\_\_\_

15. A world view can be described as a set of assumptions which a person holds about the basic make-up of the world. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True  False

16. The constitution of a State is a set of \_\_\_\_\_

17. The river Ganges is sacred to which of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Christianity  Hinduism  Islam  Judaism

18. An action which carries meaning for a person, and is of importance to him/her, can be said to have significance. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True  False

19. Religion can be described as a source of morality in a person's life.

Name another source of morality in life \_\_\_\_\_

20. To pardon, show mercy or compassion are examples of forgiveness. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True  False

**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 a Holy Week procession in Spain.**



*The Irish Times*

**A.** State **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that Holy Week is a time of significance.

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(2 marks)

**B.** Holy Week is a time of significance for which **one** of the following world religions. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Buddhism  Christianity  Hinduism  Islam  Judaism

(2 marks)

**C.** Give **two** reasons why Holy Week is a time of significance in the world religion you have ticked above.

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(6 marks)

**Question 2. This is a photograph of a newspaper headline describing a road accident in which the driver of a car killed a person and drove away.**



*Evening Herald*

**A.** State **one** way in which the situation described in this headline shows the need for respect.

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**B.** State **two** ways in which the driver could be affected by his/her decision to drive away.

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**C.** State **two** ways in which society could be affected by the driver's decision to drive away.

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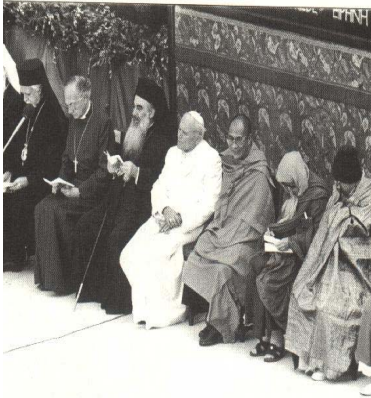
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**Question 3. This is a photograph of a World Peace Assembly in Assisi.**



*Carlos Reyes*

**A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this is an example of inter-faith dialogue.**

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**B. What is inter-faith dialogue?**

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**C. Give **two** other examples of inter-faith dialogue.**

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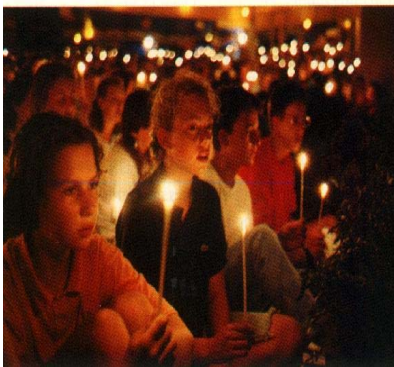
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**Question 4. This is a photograph of young people holding candles.**



*Alain Pinoges/CIRIC*

**A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this is an experience of reflection for these young people.**

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**B. What is reflection?**

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**C. Give **two** reasons why it is important for a person to have time for reflection.**

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

READ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

### THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

The Taizé community was founded by Brother Roger. As a young man he had been seriously ill. During his illness he decided to set up a community where the Gospel would be lived out in simplicity and kindness. In 1940 Brother Roger left his native Switzerland and went to live in eastern France, settling in a small village called Taizé. When the Second World War started Brother Roger made Taizé a place of welcome for groups as varied as refugees fleeing the war, French war orphans, and German prisoners-of-war. Gradually other young men joined Brother Roger in Taizé. On Easter Day 1949, the first brothers took vows to live as a religious community.

Today there is a community of about one hundred brothers. The brothers do not accept gifts or donations for themselves. They give anything they receive to the poor. Taizé continues to be a place of welcome for families uprooted from their lands - Vietnamese, Rwandans, Bosnians etc. Taizé brothers have also gone to live with people who are suffering because of poverty or conflict in Asia, Africa and South America.

Over the years, the number of visitors to Taizé has continued to grow. Every week from early spring to late autumn, tens of thousands of people, mainly between the ages of 17 and 30 gather in Taizé. Visitors come from different countries all over the world. Some are from different church backgrounds and some from none at all.

While people come to Taizé for different reasons, all are searching for meaning or a deeper relationship with God. While many are active in churches at home, others have difficulty in finding a church where they feel welcomed and listened to. Some come for a chance to meet other Christians their own age or for an experience of community rooted in the Gospel.

It can be a life-transforming experience to spend a week listening to people talking about faith and the search for meaning in life. An important part of the Taizé experience is making links between Christians of different denominations by praying and working together. The Taizé community has welcomed church leaders like the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Orthodox metropolitans, Lutheran bishops, and countless religious ministers from all over the world.

Life at Taizé is centred on prayer, work and hospitality. Three times a day the bells ring out and everyone, brothers and visitors alike, stop what they are doing and head towards the Church of Reconciliation. In the church visitors join the community in worship. People join in a form of meditation in which praying in song and silence plays a large part. The community likes everyone to take part in the singing even though visitors speak many different languages. To overcome this difficulty the brothers composed simple tunes with few words that are easily learnt.

Each day groups of people meet with the brothers to reflect on and discuss the Bible. Every afternoon at 5.00 pm people stop for tea and those who come from different continents talk about their countries and their hopes. Visitors also help with practical tasks like cooking and cleaning and everyone shares in serving the needs of the whole community. The Taizé community encourages people to take home what they have discovered and put it into practice in their lives. It also organises regional meetings where people from different countries come together and plan how they will contribute to the life of their Church, and work for justice, peace and reconciliation at home.

*Source: Ateliers et Presses de Taizé & Gill and Macmillan*

1. Some people say that Taizé helped them in their search for meaning in life. From your reading of this article explain **one** way in which the experience of Taizé can help people in their search for meaning.

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(12 marks)

2. Religious belief can find expression in a variety of ways. Pick **two** of the following and explain how the experience of Taizé can help people express their faith in this way.

- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Way of life
- ◆ Worship

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3. The Taizé brothers have faced and still face many challenges. From your reading of this article identify **one** challenge past or present and describe the Taizé community's response to it.

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4. How does this article show what is meant by any **two** of the following:

- ◆ Reconciliation
- ◆ Religious commitment
- ◆ Vocation

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**SECTION 4**

(200 marks)

**YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 55 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.**

**YOU MUST ATTEMPT FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING SIX QUESTIONS.**

**(All questions carry 50 marks each)**

**Question 1. COMMUNITIES OF FAITH**

**A.** Tick ✓ **one** of the following world religions you have studied:

Buddhism  Christianity  Hinduism  Islam  Judaism

Describe the work being done today locally or nationally by a church, religious organisation, or order associated with this world religion.

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**B.** Outline **one** way in which the work described above helps people to live as a community.

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C. Outline **one** way in which the work described above reflects the founding story of the world religion you have ticked.

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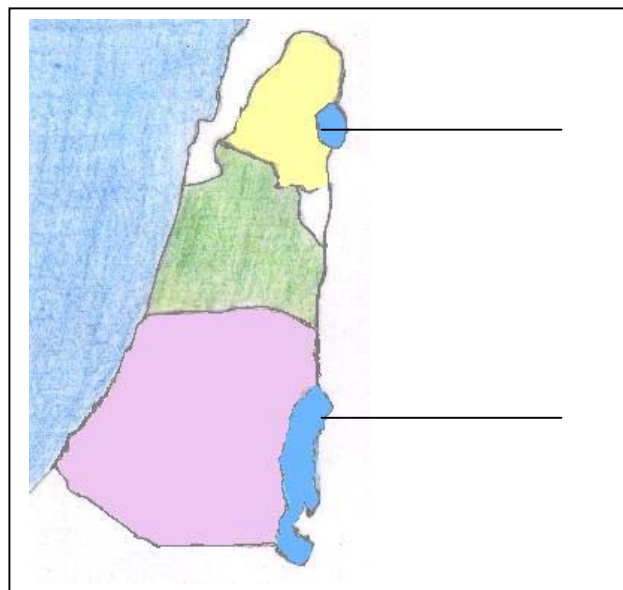
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**Question 2. PLACES AND PEOPLE IN PALESTINE AT THE TIME OF JESUS**

A. Write the name of each of the following seas in the spaces marked on the map below:

- ◆ Dead Sea
- ◆ Sea of Galilee



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B. a. Outline the role of the Pharisees in the religious life of people in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

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b. Describe **one** incident from the life of Jesus when he was in conflict with a Pharisee.

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c. Imagine you are the Pharisee in this conflict. Outline your reason for opposing Jesus.

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C. Tick ✓ **one** of the following characteristics of the Kingdom of God and explain how it can be seen in an example of table-fellowship from the life of Jesus:

Special place of the poor     Love of neighbour     Treatment of sinners and outcasts

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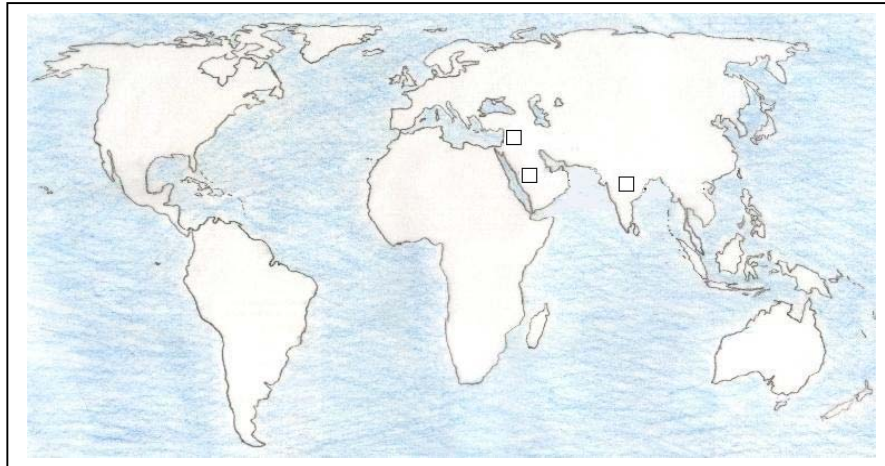
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**Question 3. A FAITH STORY**

A. a. Tick ✓ **one** of the following world religions you have studied:

- Buddhism  Hinduism  Islam  Judaism

Tick ✓ **one** country on the map below where the world religion you have chosen began.



(4 marks)

b. Briefly describe **one** thing about the way people lived in the country you have chosen at the time this world religion began.

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B. a. Tick ✓ the creed or moral code listed below that is associated with your chosen world religion.

- The Ten Commandments  The Five Pillars  The Law of Karma  The Eightfold Path

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b. Outline **three** rules/guidelines from the creed or moral code you have ticked.

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c. Describe **two** ways in which the way of life of a follower is influenced by the creed or moral code of this world religion.

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**Question 4. THE SEARCH FOR MEANING**

A. *“And will the new young flowers die?  
And will the new young people die?  
And why?”* – Poem from a three year old by Brendan Kennelly

a. Pick **one** of the above questions and explain how it is typical of a child’s search for meaning.

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b. Explain how the questions a person may ask in his/her search for meaning could change as he/she develops from childhood into adulthood.

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c. People sometimes express questions about the meaning of life in art, music, film and books. Tick ✓ **one** of the following and explain how people express questions about the meaning of life in this way.

Art       Music       Film       Books

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B. a. A world view that rules out the possibility of anything spiritual or invisible is -  
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

Agnosticism     Materialism     Monotheism     Sectarianism

b. Explain **one** way in which this view could challenge a person’s religious faith. (6 marks)

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**Question 5. PRAYER**

A. a. Name a type of prayer associated with **one** of the following world religions:

- ◆Buddhism    ◆Christianity    ◆Hinduism    ◆Islam    ◆Judaism

World Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

(6 marks)

b. Give **one** example of the type of prayer named above and explain how it illustrates that type of prayer.

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c. Explain how the type of prayer named above illustrates **one** belief of the world religion you have chosen above.

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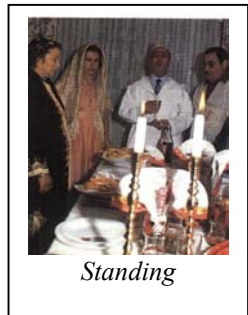
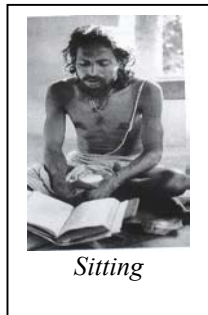
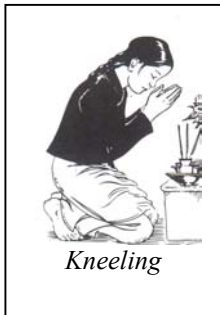
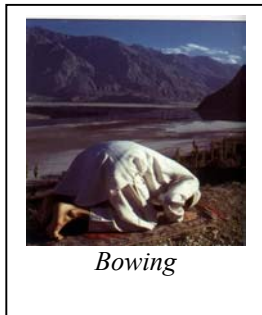
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B. Below are pictures of gestures and positions people sometimes use in prayer.



Pick **two** gestures or positions and explain what each symbolises when used in prayer.

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**Question 6. MORALITY AND RELIGION**

***“PRIEST OBJECTS TO GOVERNMENT LAWS ON CHURCH DESIGN”***

**A.** The headline above refers to a situation where a conflict arose between government law and the views of a religious leader.

Outline another situation where there could be conflict between a country’s law and a religion.

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**B.** Explain how **two** of the following could influence a person's judgement of right and wrong in the situation you have described above.

- ◆ Family
- ◆ Peer group
- ◆ Civil law
- ◆ Religion

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**C.** Explain how a morally mature person would judge between right and wrong in the situation you have described above.

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## SECTION 5

(70 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 20 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

YOU MUST ATTEMPT **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING SIX QUESTIONS.

(All questions carry 70 marks each)

### Question 1.

Discuss the effect that an inspiring vision can have on a community of faith.

### Question 2.

Imagine you have been asked to give a talk at a Bible meeting explaining the stages involved in the development of the Gospels from the oral tradition to the written word. Outline the talk you would give making reference to the importance of the Gospels in the Christian community of faith.

### Question 3.

A tradition can be described as a long established belief or custom. Describe **one** tradition that is popular in one of the following world religions that you have studied. Explain its origins and its significance for followers today.

◆ Buddhism    ◆ Hinduism    ◆ Islam    ◆ Judaism

### Question 4.

*“Our life of faith is a life of search, but also a life of finding.”* - John Powell

Describe how this statement could be true of faithful people in the founding story of **one** of the following world religions that you have studied.

◆ Buddhism    ◆ Christianity    ◆ Hinduism    ◆ Islam    ◆ Judaism

### Question 5.

Name an important person in the spiritual tradition of **one** of the following world religions and describe how he/she contributed to the understanding of prayer in his/her religious tradition.

◆ Buddhism    ◆ Christianity    ◆ Hinduism    ◆ Islam    ◆ Judaism

### Question 6.

Pick **one** of the following issues and outline the work done on this issue by a member or members of a religious organisation you have studied. In your answer you should describe the religious moral vision on which this work is based.

◆ Forgiveness    ◆ Freedom    ◆ Stewardship



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