



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2015

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. The term 'inter-faith dialogue' refers to _____

2. Tacitus provided historical information about Jesus of Nazareth. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
TRUE FALSE

3. Materialism promotes the view that _____

4. During his childhood in Palestine Jesus lived in the Province of Galilee. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
TRUE FALSE

5. In religious traditions the term 'mission' refers to _____

6. One reason for community breakdown is _____

7. Atheism holds the view that God exists. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
TRUE FALSE

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

<i>Religious Objects</i>	<i>World Religions</i>	<i>Religious Object</i>	<i>World Religion</i>
Bindi Cross Mandala Menorah Prayer Mat	Buddhism Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism	Cross	<i>Christianity</i>
		Answer:	

9. The name Allah is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
CHRISTIANITY ISLAM JUDAISM

10. The 'Feeding of the Five Thousand' is one example of a miracle performed by Jesus.
Give **another** example of a miracle performed by Jesus.

11. In religious traditions the term 'peace' refers to _____

12. The Israelites were led out of slavery in Egypt by — (Tick ✓ the correct box)

MALACHI

MARK

MOSES

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

State **another** source of morality in a person's life.

14. A sign is an action, image or word that communicates one clear message.

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

15. Agnosticism holds the view that _____

16. In the Christian tradition Jesus' celebration of the Last Supper is associated with which **one** of the following days of Holy Week? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

17. To pardon or show mercy is an example of forgiveness. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

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

<i>Religious Festivals</i>
Diwali
Easter
Ramadan
Rosh Hashanah
Vesak/Wesak

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

Example:

<i>Religious Festival</i>	<i>World Religion</i>
<i>Easter</i>	<i>Christianity</i>

Answer:

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19. One title given to Jesus was 'Messiah'. Name **another** title that was given to Jesus.

20. The celebration of seven sacraments is most associated with which **one** of the following Christian denominations? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

METHODIST

PRESBYTERIAN

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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 person reading from a sacred text.



(Source: www.conservapedia.com)

A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this person is reading from a sacred text.

(2 marks)

B. Tick **one** of the following world religions and name a sacred text associated with it:

- BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY HINDUISM
ISLAM JUDAISM

Name of sacred text: _____

(2 marks)

C. Give **two** reasons why a text is regarded as sacred by the members of a world religion.

- i. _____
- _____
- ii. _____
- _____
- (6 marks)

Question 2. This is a photograph of a community of faith.



(Source: Ken O' Halloran — Irish Independent)

A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that these people are members of a community of faith.

(2 marks)

B. Being the leader is one role that a person can have in a community of faith. Name **another** role that a person can have within a community of faith.

(2 marks)

C. Give **two** reasons why people have different roles in a community of faith.

- i. _____
- _____
- ii. _____
- _____
- (6 marks)

Question 3. This is a photograph of a building that is a place of worship for the members of a community of faith.



(Source: galeri.uludagsozluk.com)

A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this building is a place of worship.

_____ (2 marks)

B. Tick ✓ **one** of the following types of building and name the major world religion with which it is most associated:

- CHURCH MANDIR MOSQUE
 SYNAGOGUE TEMPLE

Name of major world religion: _____ (2 marks)

C. Give **two** reasons why the members of a world religion worship in a particular type of building.

- i. _____
- _____
- ii. _____
- _____ (6 marks)

Question 4. This is a drawing of a symbol of justice.



(Source: www.patheos.com)

A. Pick **one** thing from the drawing which suggests that this symbol represents justice.

_____ (2 marks)

B. In a religious tradition the term 'justice' refers to _____

_____ (2 marks)

C. Give **two** reasons why the members of a community of faith work for justice.

- i. _____
- _____
- ii. _____
- _____ (6 marks)

SECTION 3

(50 marks)

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

READ THE BLOG BELOW AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

HOME ABOUT RECENT BLOGS BLOGGING GUIDELINES CONTACT

TIME TO THINK — *Do we give enough time to thinking about the meaning of life?*

Last week when I was walking home from school, the wind grew so strong that it forced me to stop where I was standing and notice the leaves falling from the trees. The colours and sounds of nature made me think about the beauty of the world and my place in it.



Sometimes I like to listen to music and sit on the beach looking out to sea, thinking about my life.



I find talking to God and praying about the things that matter in life helps me to make sense of my life.



 PJ (Source: <http://www.kabbalahblog.info>; ibtimes.co.uk; pixshark.com)

1. Explain how an experience described in the blog above gave PJ a sense of awe and wonder about the meaning of life.

(10 marks)

2. *Recognising the beauty of nature is one example of how a person could experience awe and wonder in life.* Outline **another** example of how an experience in life could make a person wonder and ask questions about the meaning of life.

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(12 marks)

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

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

4. *People sometimes turn to religion when searching for the meaning of life.*

Outline how the teaching of **one** of the following world religions could help believers in their search for the meaning of life.

- ◆ BUDDHISM
- ◆ CHRISTIANITY
- ◆ HINDUISM
- ◆ ISLAM
- ◆ JUDAISM

<i>(WORLD RELIGION)</i>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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(16 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. Describe **two** examples of how religious commitment can be seen among the members of a community of faith in Ireland today.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

b. Explain what inspires religious commitment among the members of a community of faith in Ireland today.

(12 marks)

B. a. BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM

Tick ✓ **one** of the above world religions and describe an example of what the term 'revelation' refers to in the world religion that you have ticked.

(12 marks)

- b. Outline **one** way that the understanding of revelation influences the religious practice of members in the world religion that you have ticked in *part B a)* above.

(14 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — CHRISTIANITY

- A. a. According to the Gospels the name of **one** disciple of Jesus of Nazareth was —

(5 marks)

- b. Describe what happened in **one** incident from the life of Jesus when he called a person to become his disciple.

(14 marks)

OVER →

B. a. Outline **two** examples of the sacrifices that were involved for the first Christians in being disciples of Jesus.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

b. Explain **one** challenge that Christians today face in being disciples of Jesus.

(15 marks)

B. Explain **two** reasons why the members of the world religion that you have ticked in *part A*) above perform a religious ceremony to mark *either* birth *or* marriage *or* death.

i.

ii.

(18 marks)

Question 4. THE QUESTION OF FAITH

A. a. ● CHILDHOOD FAITH ● MATURE FAITH

Describe the main characteristics of **one** of the above stages of faith.

(STAGE OF FAITH)

(12 marks)

b. Examine the role that trust can play in the development of a person's faith.

(12 marks)

B. a. *People can look at the question of faith from different points of view.*

Describe what is involved in **each** of the following points of view:

- FUNDAMENTALISM
- INDIVIDUALISM

(12 marks)

b. *People can express faith in different ways:* ● MONOTHEISM ● POLYTHEISM

Outline an example of how **one** of the above can be seen in a major world religion that you have studied.

(14 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

- A. a. Read the list of prayers and the list of major world religions given below.
Match **one** prayer to the major world religion with which it is most associated.

<i>Prayers</i>
The Apostles' Creed
The Paritta
The Shahadah
The Shema
The Rig Veda

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

Answer:

<i>Prayer</i>	<i>World Religion</i>

(5 marks)

- b. Outline **two** difficulties with prayer that may be experienced by the members of a major world religion today.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

- B. a. *In religious traditions certain individuals stand out as people of prayer.*

Tick ✓ **one** of the following major world religions and name a person associated with prayer in the religion that you have ticked.

BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM

Person of prayer: _____ (5 marks)

- b. Explain why prayer was important in the life of the person that you have named in part B a) above.

(12 marks)

(20 marks)

B. a. 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 (5 marks)

b. Explain how **each** of the following could guide a person in deciding what is right or wrong in a situation: ● AUTHORITY ● TRADITION

(20 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 the way that **two** Christian denominations today are promoting respect for their own beliefs and the beliefs of others.

Question 2. ● POLITICAL LEADERS ● RELIGIOUS LEADERS
Assess the extent to which **each** of the above played a role in the events that led to the death of Jesus.

Question 3. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM
Compare the religious practice of the earliest followers of **one** of the world religions listed above with the religious practice of its members today.

Question 4. Compare the pattern of religious belief in Europe with that found in another part of the world today.

Question 5. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM
Analyse the nature and function of **two** different types of prayer for the members of a world religion listed above.

Question 6. Examine what is involved in **two** stages in the development of a person's conscience and discuss the role each stage plays in his/her growth to moral maturity.

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