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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – ORDINARY LEVEL

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General Directions for Candidates

1. Write your EXAMINATION NUMBER in this box:
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SECTION 1

(80 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 20 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 8 marks each)

1. St. Mark's Gospel is a synoptic gospel. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

2. In religious traditions inter-faith dialogue means _____
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3. 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>
Arti Lamp	Buddhism
Crucifix	Christianity
Prayer Mat	Hinduism
Prayer Shawl/Tallit	Islam
Stupa	Judaism

Example: Crucifix Christianity

Answer:

4. In religious traditions to 'worship' means _____
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5. The Wailing/Western Wall is a place of religious importance associated with Judaism.

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

6. In a religious tradition a 'prophet' is someone who _____
-

7. The name of **one** Christian denomination in Ireland today is _____

8. Jesus grew up in the town of - (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Naaran

Nain

Nazareth

9. The Sacred Thread ceremony is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

Hinduism

Islam

Judaism

10. In a prayer of thanksgiving a person _____

11. An example of a miracle that Jesus performed was - (Tick ✓ the correct box)
The Healing of The Parting of The Return of
the Blind Man the Red Sea the Prodigal Son

12. In religious traditions to act with ‘integrity’ means behaving in a way that is in keeping with your beliefs. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

13. In a religious tradition the term ‘schism’ refers to a time when _____

14. A mosque is a place of worship associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Buddhism Hinduism Islam

15. A humanist can be described as someone who gives religious answers to questions about the meaning of life. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

16. In religious traditions the term ‘sacred’ refers to that which is _____

17. A community is a group of people who share something in common. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

18. In religious traditions the term ‘monotheism’ means _____

19. In religious traditions to show ‘respect’ means _____

20. Bodh Gaya is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
Buddhism Islam Judaism

SECTION 2

(60 marks)

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

CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON EACH.

(All questions carry 20 marks each)

Question 1. This is a photograph of religious leaders at an ecumenical service.



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

(6 marks)

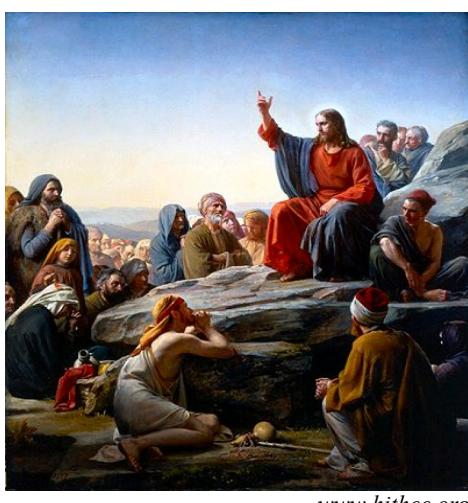
- B. Give **one** other example of ecumenism.

(6 marks)

- C. State **one** reason why people work for ecumenism.

(8 marks)

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



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

(6 marks)

- B. Name **one** of Jesus' first disciples.

(6 marks)

- C. State **one** thing that Jesus taught his disciples about the Kingdom of God.

(8 marks)

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



www.minnesota.publicradio.org

- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which shows that these people are using meditation to pray.

(6 marks)

- B. In a religious tradition what does the term ‘meditation’ mean?

(6 marks)

- C. State **one** reason why a person would use meditation to pray.

(8 marks)

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



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

(6 marks)

- B. Give **one** reason why religion could influence a person’s view of right and wrong on a moral issue.

(6 marks)

- C. Describe **one** stage in the process a person goes through in deciding if something is right or wrong.

(8 marks)

SECTION 3

(60 marks)

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

The following is an account of a conversation between two friends, Chris and Pat, who work together.

READ THE ACCOUNT CAREFULLY AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Chris: Do you know there are three computers in the storeroom? They've been there for months now.
Pat: Nobody else seems to know they are there. I think the boss has forgotten about them.
Chris: We could get €600 for each of them. €1800 is a lot of money and would come in handy!
Pat: It wouldn't be right. Our contract clearly states that we should not take any item away from our work place.
Chris: You're thinking too much, nobody cares about those computers.
It will be the easiest money we will ever make. I know you could do with the money.
Pat: I don't need the money that much!
Chris: Just do this one thing for me and I will never ask you to do something like this again.
Pat: I can't believe you are asking me to do this. I thought we were friends. What if we get caught?
We could get into a lot of trouble and lose our jobs.
Chris: I think we could get away with it.
Pat: Please don't take the computers Chris. Think about our boss.
If the computers were stolen he might not trust us any more.
Chris: I'm going to take them anyway, with or without your help.
Pat: What if someone else gets blamed for stealing the computers?
I don't think I could stand by and see that happen.
Chris: Meet me at the storeroom after work, if you want to be involved.
Pat: Think about how disappointed your family will be if you get caught.
I would hate for you to get into trouble.

1. Outline **one** example of a moral decision that had to be made by Pat after the above conversation.

(12 marks)

2. a. Name **one** moral code that could guide Pat in deciding what is the right thing to do in the situation described above.

(8 marks)

- b. Explain **one** reason why a moral code could help a person decide what is the right thing to do in a situation.

(16 marks)

3. a. What does the term ‘moral maturity’ mean?

(8 marks)

- b. Give **two** examples of where moral maturity can be seen in this conversation.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

SECTION 4

(200 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 60 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

ANSWER FIVE OF THE FOLLOWING SIX QUESTIONS.

(All questions carry 40 marks each)

Question 1. COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

- A. Tick ✓ one of the following major world religions that you have studied:

Buddhism Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism

- a. Name the founder/earliest followers of the world religion you have ticked above.

(8 marks)

- b. Outline a story from the life of *either* the founder *or* earliest followers of a world religion you have studied.

(10 marks)

- B. • Commitment • Communication • Co-operation

- a. Choose two of the above and give an example of how each can be seen in a community of faith today.

i.

ii. _____

(10 marks)

- b. • Commitment • Communication • Co-operation

Explain why **one** of the above is important for a community of faith today.

(12 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION - CHRISTIANITY

- A. a. These headlines might have described different religious groups that 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.

Religious Group 1

Religious Group 2

Religious Group 3

Members of a religious group lead prayer at the Temple in Jerusalem. - <i>The Jerusalem Journal</i>	Members of a religious group are ready to fight the Romans. - <i>The Palestine Press</i>	Members of a religious group explain the law of God in the synagogue. - <i>The Nazareth News</i>
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"/>	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"/>	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"/>

(10 marks)

- b. Below you will find a list of events that took place before Jesus was crucified.

Number the events in the order in which they occurred by giving number 1 to the first event, number 2 to the second event, number 3 to the third event and number 4 to the fourth event.

<i>Number</i>	<i>Events that took place before Jesus was crucified -</i>
	Jesus shared the Last Supper with the apostles.
	Jesus was arrested and put on trial.
	Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death.
	The crowds welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem waving palm branches.

(10 marks)

- B. a. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper at the time of the Jewish festival of – (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Hanukkah

Passover

Sukkot

(8 marks)

- b. Outline **two** things that Jesus said to his apostles at the Last Supper.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

Question 3. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION - MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

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

Buddhism Hinduism Islam Judaism

a. Name a title that is given to a religious leader in the world religion you have ticked above.

(8 marks)

b. Outline two examples of the work of a leader in one of the above world religions.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

B. a. Name one religious festival associated with the world religion you have ticked above.

(8 marks)

b. Explain two reasons why members of the world religion celebrate the religious festival you have named above.

i.

- b. Outline **one** way in which a person's image of God can change from childhood to adulthood.

(14 marks)

- B. Describe **two** ways in which a young person can express his/her religious beliefs.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

- A. a. Croagh Patrick is a place of religious importance for a community of faith in Ireland.
Name **another** place in Ireland that has religious importance for a community of faith.

(8 marks)

- b. Explain **two** reasons why the place you have named above has religious importance for a community of faith.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

- B. a. Describe **one** example of a ritual that can be seen in an experience of worship that you have *either* taken part in *or* observed.

(10 marks)

- b. Explain **two** reasons why people use religious rituals to express their faith.

i. _____

ii. _____

(10 marks)

Question 6. The MORAL CHALLENGE

- A. In religious traditions reconciliation involves the renewing of relationships that have been broken.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

(8 marks)

- B. Outline **one** way in which members of a community of faith try to bring about reconciliation between people today.

(16 marks)

- C. Explain **two** reasons why members of a community of faith try to bring about reconciliation between people today.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)