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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ORDINARY LEVEL

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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 4 SECTIONS ON THIS PAPER.

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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. In religious traditions the term ‘mission’ means _____

2. Ecumenism involves working for unity between different Christian Churches.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

3. Sectarianism is the hatred of another person because of -
(Tick ✓ the correct box)
Gender Nationality Religion

4. A world religion that is associated with polytheism is _____

5. To trust is to have confidence in the truth of something.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

6. A person’s conscience helps him/her to _____

7. The evangelists wrote the Hindu sacred texts.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)
True False

8. People express religious beliefs by the way that they live. State **one** other way in which people can express their religious beliefs _____

9. The Four Noble Truths are most associated with which **one** of the following major world religions?
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

Buddhism Islam Judaism

10. In a prayer of praise a person is _____

11. The Gospel of John is a synoptic gospel. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

12. In religious traditions the term 'sin' means _____
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13. The people who held political power in Palestine at the time of Jesus were the -
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

Assyrians

Egyptians

Romans

14. Baptism is an example of a Christian sacrament.

Name **one** other Christian sacrament _____

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

Hinduism

Islam

Judaism

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

<i>Religious Leaders</i>
Brahmin
Jesus
Moses
Muhammad
Siddhartha Gautama

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

Example:

Jesus	Christianity
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Answer:

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17. Religious faith can influence a person's view of what is right and wrong.

Name **one** other influence on a person's view of right and wrong _____

18. A creed is a statement of religious beliefs. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

19. The name Yahweh /YHWH is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

Buddhism

Hinduism

Judaism

20. In religious traditions the term 'stewardship' means _____
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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 people sharing in a community of faith.



RexFeatures/SIPA

- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which shows sharing among the people in this community of faith.

(6 marks)

- B. Give **one** other example of a way in which sharing can be seen in a community of faith.

(6 marks)

- C. State **one** reason why sharing is important for members of a community of faith.

(8 marks)

Question 2. This picture is based on the first Christians' experience of Pentecost.



masbury.files.wordpress.com

- A. Pick **one** thing from this picture which shows that it is based on the first Christians' experience of Pentecost.

(6 marks)

- B. The first Christians experienced Pentecost after the death of Jesus.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

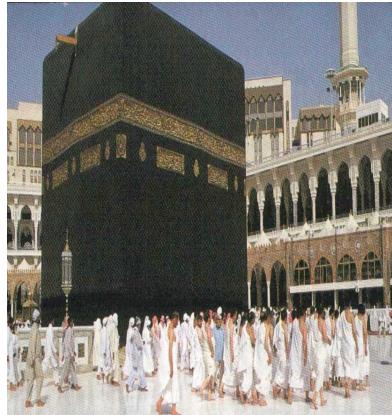
False

(6 marks)

- C. State **one** effect the experience of Pentecost had on the first Christians.

(8 marks)

Question 3. This is a photograph of people taking part in a religious pilgrimage.



Ruqaiyyah Waris Maqsood 1993

- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which shows that these people are taking part in a pilgrimage.

(6 marks)

- B. Buddhism Hinduism Islam Judaism

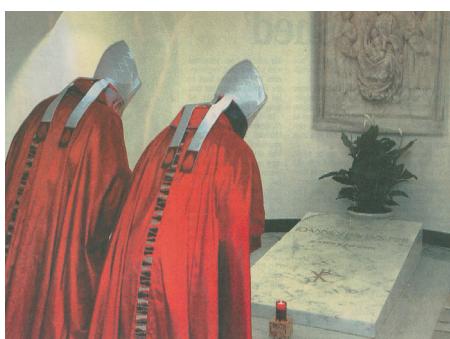
Tick ✓ **one** of the above world religions and name a place of pilgrimage associated with it.

(6 marks)

- C. State **one** reason why members of a world religion would take part in a pilgrimage.

(8 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of members of a community of faith showing respect at the tomb of Pope John Paul II.



Irish Independent

- A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that the members of this community of faith are showing respect at this tomb.

(6 marks)

- B. Give **one** other example of a way in which members of a community of faith can show respect.

(6 marks)

- C. State **one** reason why showing respect is important for members of a community of faith.

(8 marks)

SECTION 3

(60 marks)

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

The following is a piece from a letter in which a teenager talks about religious faith.

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

... I am 15 years old. My family are very religious and brought me up to believe in God. They taught me how to pray and brought me to a religious service every week. From a young age I remember being told religious stories about important people in my religion who lived long ago. As I got older I started to read the sacred scriptures for myself and I now often read them for others at our religious services.

Right now I have a lot of questions about God. But, my faith is still very important to me. I try to pray everyday, even if it is just before I go to bed. I also try to help other people in whatever way I can. I know that God cares for me and is always there for me. Whenever things are going badly I pray about them. I believe that my faith helps me to sort things out and to make good decisions. Even though I don't fully understand everything about God. I think of God as a very good friend.

Robin

1. Outline **two** ways in which religious faith can be seen in Robin's letter.

i. _____

ii. _____

(16 marks)

2. ● Friends ● School ● Youth Culture

Choose **two** of the above and explain how each could influence the religious faith of a teenager.

i. _____

(18 marks)

3. Tick ✓ **one** of the following world religions that you have studied.

Buddhism Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism

- a. Name **one** sacred text that is associated with the world religion you have ticked above.

_____ (8 marks)

- b. Explain **two** reasons why a sacred text is important for members of a world religion.

i. _____

ii. _____

(18 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. a. Name **one** community of faith that exists in Ireland today.

_____ (8 marks)

- b. Explain **two** reasons why belonging to a community of faith could be important for a person.

i. _____

(12 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION - CHRISTIANITY

- A. a. One parable that Jesus told his followers is – (Tick ✓ the correct box)

The Crossing of the Red Sea

The Raising of Jairus' Daughter

The Return of the Prodigal Son

(8 marks)

- b. Describe in detail what happened in one parable that Jesus told his followers.

Name of parable: _____

(10 marks)

- B. a. Outline **two** points that Jesus taught his followers about the Kingdom of God in a parable you have studied.

Name of parable: _____

i. _____

ii. _____

(12 marks)

- b. Explain **one** reason why Jesus used parables to teach his followers about the Kingdom of God.

(10 marks)

Question 3. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION - MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

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

Buddhism

Hinduism

Islam

Judaism

a. Name **one** religious object that is associated with the world religion ticked above.

_____ (8 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why the religious object you have named in part a) is important for members of the world religion you have ticked above.

i.

ii.

_____ (12 marks)

B. a. In religious traditions the term ‘revelation’ means _____

_____ (8 marks)

b. Describe **one** example of revelation from the story of the founder/earliest followers of the world religion you have ticked above.

(12 marks)

Question 4. THE QUESTION OF FAITH

- A. a. Name **one** major world religion that is associated with monotheism _____ (8 marks)
- b. Describe **one** example of how monotheism can be seen in the world religion you have named above.

(12 marks)

B. a. In religious traditions the term ‘reflection’ means _____

_____ (8 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why reflection is important for members of a religious tradition you have studied.

i. _____

ii. _____

(12 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

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

<i>Prayers</i>
The Our Father/The Lord's Prayer
The Shahada/Shahadah
The Shema
The Paritta
The Rig Veda

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

Answer:

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

(8 marks)

- b. ● Contemplation ● Penitence ● Petition

Choose **two** of the types of prayer listed above and describe what each involves for members of a world religion.

i. _____

ii. _____

(10 marks)

- B. a. Explain **one** reason why a religious person could find it difficult to pray.

(10 marks)

- b. Below are photographs of gestures or positions that people use in prayer.



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Christine Osborne Pictures



www.img.tebyan.net

Bowing

Sitting

Washing

Tick **✓ one** of the above gestures *or* positions and explain the reason why it is used in prayer.

(12 marks)

Question 6. THE MORAL CHALLENGE

- A. a. In religious traditions the term ‘peace’ means _____

(8 marks)

- b. Describe **two** ways in which members of a world religion try to bring about peace in the world today.

i. _____

ii.

(12 marks)

- B. a. Tick ✓ **one** of the following major world religions you have studied:

Buddhism Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism

Name **one** religious moral code that is associated with the world religion ticked above.

(8 marks)

- b. Outline **one** way in which a religious moral code could guide a person working for peace in the world today.

(12 marks)