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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2003

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - HIGHER LEVEL

Total Marks: 400

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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. The Russian Orthodox Church is one Christian denomination in Ireland.

Name another Christian denomination in Ireland _____

2. The gospel of Matthew is a synoptic gospel. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

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

Religious Festivals
Easter
Passover
Eid ul-Fitr
Diwali
Wesak

Religions
Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism

Example:

Easter	Christianity
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Answer:

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4. A humanist holds the view that when looking for meaning in life people should not turn to the supernatural or belief in God. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

5. Contemplation and petition are examples of types of prayer.

Name another type of prayer _____

6. When a person acts with integrity he or she behaves in a way that is dishonest.

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

True

False

7. Read the lists of sacred texts and world religions given below. One sacred text has been matched to the religion with which it is associated as an example for you. Make **one** other match.

Sacred Texts
Vedas
Hebrew Scriptures
Qur'an
Tripitaka
Gospel

Religions
Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism

Example:

Gospel	Christianity
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Answer:

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

Bethlehem

Jericho

Nazareth

9. Read the lists of religious symbols and world religions given below. One religious symbol has been matched to the religion with which it is associated as an example for you. Make **one** other match.

Religious Symbols	Religions	Example:		
Cross Star of David Crescent moon Eight-spoked wheel Deva lamp	Buddhism Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cross</td> <td>Christianity</td> </tr> </table>	Cross	Christianity
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10. Reflection can be described as a human characteristic that involves a person thinking and becoming aware of his or her own feelings and actions. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

11. The Ten Commandments is an example of a moral code.

Name another moral code _____

12. Worship involves activities in which God is honoured. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

13. Martyrdom is _____

14. One parable Jesus told was - (Tick ✓ the correct box)

The parting of the Red Sea The raising of Jairus' Daughter The return of the Prodigal Son

15. A prophet is someone who reveals the will of God. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

16. A wedding ceremony is one example of a ritual.

Name another example of a ritual _____

17. Morally mature people think only of themselves in making decisions. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

18. Dr. Yaakov Pearlman is a leader associated with which religion in Ireland? _____

19. Christians call the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples after the death of Jesus -

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

Ascension Pentecost Resurrection

20. In religious traditions a schism is _____

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 the blessing of circus animals.



Photo: Kim Houghton

A. State **one thing from the photograph which suggests that this is a religious ceremony.**

_____ (2 marks)

B. Explain how this is an example of stewardship.

_____ (4 marks)

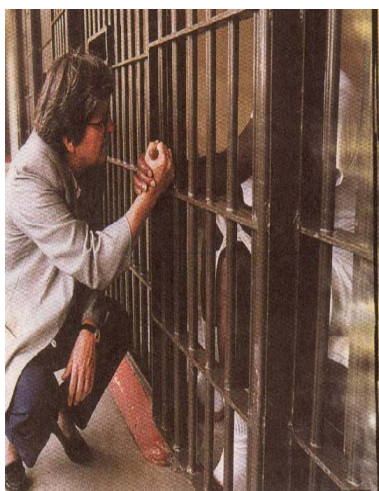
C. Give **two other examples of stewardship.**

i.

ii.

_____ (4 marks)

Question 2. This is a photograph of a religious sister comforting a death-row prisoner.



Saint Mary's Press

A. State **one thing from the photograph which suggests that the sister is comforting the prisoner.**

_____ (2 marks)

B. Give **two reasons why a religious person would work with prisoners in this way.**

i.

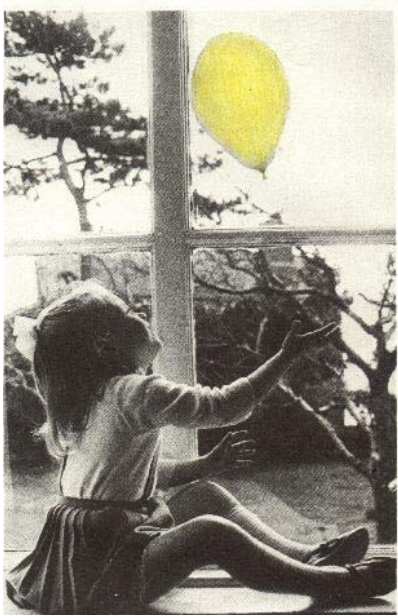
ii.

_____ (4 marks)

C. Suggest **one positive effect this work could have on the prisoner.**

_____ (4 marks)

Question 3. This is a photograph of a young girl playing with a balloon.



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A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this is an experience of awe and wonder for the girl.

_____ (2 marks)

B. Some experiences that might make a person react with awe and wonder are a birth, the beauty of nature, and music. What does the expression "awe and wonder" mean?

_____ (2 marks)

C. Experiences of awe and wonder make people ask questions about the meaning of life. Give examples of **two** such questions.

i.

ii.

_____ (6 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of a group of people praying.



Flame Tree Publishing 2002

A. State **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that these people are expressing their religious faith.

_____ (2 marks)

B. Give **two** reasons why a person might express his/her faith in this way.

i.

ii.

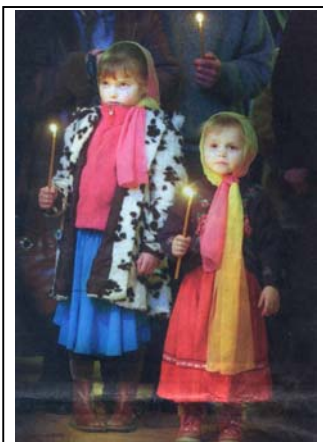
_____ (4 marks)

C. Participation is part of worship. State how participation can be seen in this photograph.

_____ (4 marks)

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

READ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.



Visiting The Russian Orthodox Church in Dublin

The Russian Orthodox Church has a community of 850 members in Dublin. Their church in Harold's Cross is the most westerly Russian Orthodox church in Europe. Every Sunday the congregation gathers for worship at the Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. As women enter the church they wear scarves on their heads. By the door there is a sign asking people to switch off phones. There is a small table at the entrance where parishioners write petitions on scraps of paper. In the centre of the church there is a lectern bearing an icon with two elaborate brass candleholders on either side. As people enter the church they take candles to light as offerings at the central lectern. They bow and kiss the icon. They touch their foreheads against the icon and some kneel before it and bow their heads to the floor.

Some parents lift their children so they too can touch the icon. Small icons sit in simple frames on the windowsills. As you go into the main body of the church you notice some people going from icon to icon, kissing each, then bowing and praying before them. There is also a long line of people waiting patiently to approach a priest hearing confessions in a corner, as there are no confession boxes in the church. The Sunday service is two hours long and mostly sung. The singing is led by the church Deacon who is described as "the voice of the community". A choir, singing in the balcony, assists him. The congregation stands throughout the ceremony. There are no seats in the church except for one or two pews around the walls. The priest celebrates the liturgy behind a large wooden screen on which are painted icons of Jesus, Mary, and the Angels. A central gate in the screen stands for the gateway to Paradise. The inner area beyond the screen, where the priest celebrates the liturgy, is a simple space with a small tabernacle, altar and table.

The Russian Orthodox community relies on help from donors and sponsors for the repair and upkeep of the church which was in a state of disrepair when they took it over. They had to bring all the icons and equipment from Russia. Volunteers worked for several weeks, from six in the evening to midnight, so that it would be ready for the Easter celebrations. The congregation seems delighted to have their own church building now. As one man said: "This is not just a place for us to practise our faith. It is a base for our community. It is important for our children to grow up in our traditional way, with our values and everything we take from our ancestors." The people at worship in the Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul clearly love the formality, the incense, and the music of the ceremonies and rituals.

Source: Irish Independent & The Irish Times

1. Pick **two** rituals mentioned in this article and explain what each expresses about a person's faith.

i.

ii.

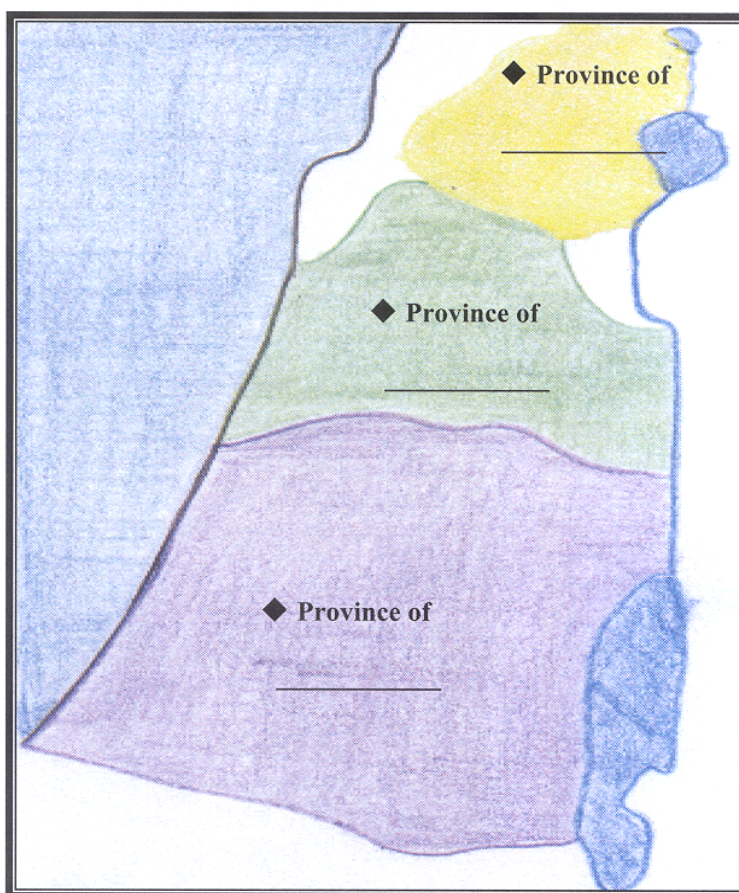
(12 marks)

(20 marks)

Question 2. PALESTINE AT THE TIME OF JESUS

A. a. Name each of the provinces in the spaces marked on the map below:

(4 marks each)



b. Outline **two** reasons why people at the time of Jesus looked down on Samaritans.

i.

Question 3. WORLD RELIGIONS

Imagine you are bringing a group of young people on a tour to a place of pilgrimage for members of a major world religion. Pick **one** of the following world religions you have studied:

- ◆ Buddhism
- ◆ Hinduism
- ◆ Islam
- ◆ Judaism

Name of world religion: _____

A. Name **one** place of pilgrimage connected with your chosen world religion _____ (10 marks)

B. Describe **two** rites or rituals that people could participate in or observe at this place of pilgrimage.

i. _____

ii. _____

(20 marks)

C. Compare **one** aspect of the belief or practice of members of this world religion with that of Christians.

B. a. Identify **one** similarity between the scientific and religious views of creation and explain how they are similar.

(10 marks)

b. Identify **one** difference between the scientific and religious views of creation and explain how they are different.

(10 marks)

C. Identified below are some world views that could challenge a person's faith.
Tick ✓ **one** only and in the space below explain how it could be a challenge to a person's faith.

Agnosticism

Atheism

Secularism

(15 marks)

Question 5. MYSTERY

A. *Statement Number 1* *Statement Number 2* *Statement Number 3*

"Every human person is a mystery, which must be learned slowly, reverently, with care, tenderness and pain, and is never learned completely." - Anon

"I can see nothing plain; all's mystery. Yet sometimes there is a torch inside my head that makes all clear, but when the light is gone I have but images..." - W. B. Yeats

"A mystery is not a wall against which you run your head, but an ocean into which you plunge. A mystery is not a night; it is the sun, so brilliant that we cannot gaze at it..." - E. Joly

a. Which of the above statements best describes encountering mystery in life? Explain your choice.

(10 marks)

b. People often look back on life and recognise the experience of mystery at certain times and in certain places. Identify **one** life experience and explain how it could hold a sense of mystery for a person.

(15 marks)

B. a. Sometimes people give expression to the experience of mystery through worship. Describe **one** example of worship in which people express their experience of mystery in life.

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.

You have been asked to write an article about the organisation and leadership of **one** community of faith you have studied. In your article you should refer to the importance of **two** of the following:

- Co-operation
- Sharing
- Communication

Question 2.

“One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. At once he found his brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah.” (This word means “Christ.”) Then he took Simon to Jesus.” (John 1:40-42 *Good News Bible*)

“One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus...” (John 1:40-42 *New Revised Standard Version*)

“One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’- which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus.” (John 1:40-42 *The Jerusalem Bible*)

a. Describe another incident from the Gospels when people used the title "Messiah" for Jesus.

b. Explain how the use of this title influenced the faith and practice of the early Christian community.

Question 3.

You have been asked to write an article about a leader in **one** of the following world religions:

- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism

In your article you should outline the role of the leader in relation to **two** of the following points:

- Community structure
- Follower/discipleship
- Tradition

Question 4.

Imagine you have been asked to talk, at a parent’s night in a primary school, about the difference between the faith of a child and that of a teenager. Outline the talk you would give describing **two** things that could influence the way in which a child's faith might develop into a more adult faith.

Question 5.

Outline the importance of prayer for members of **one** of the following world religions you have studied.

- Christianity
- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism

In your answer you should describe **two** different types of prayer that are important in this tradition and explain why they are important for its members.

Question 6.

Outline the work for peace of **one** religious leader or community of faith. In your answer you should describe the religious moral vision on which this work is based.

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