



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2006

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - HIGHER LEVEL

Total Marks: 400

THURSDAY, 15 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 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. One parable from the gospels that Jesus told is – (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Daniel in the Lion’s Den The Burning Bush The Good Samaritan The Raising of Jairus’ Daughter

2. Moderator is the title of a leader associated with the Presbyterian Church. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

3. Read the list of religious symbols and the list of 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
Aum
Cross
Menorah
Mihrab
Prayer Wheel

Religions
Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism

Example:

Cross	Christianity
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Answer:

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4. In religious traditions sectarianism means _____

5. According to the Gospels, **one** person Jesus appeared to after his death and resurrection was _____

6. A libertarian holds the view that everyone should be free to do as he/she chooses, so long as he/she does not interfere with the equal freedom of others. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

7. A key person in the founding story of Judaism is – (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Abraham Gandhi Gautama Jesus

8. In religious traditions ministry means _____

9. Clonmacnoise is a place of religious importance in Ireland. Name another place of religious importance in Ireland _____

10. In religious traditions a division or major split between people of the same faith is known as a _____

11. Zakat is an important part of the moral code of Islam. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

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

Religious Celebrations
Diwali
Easter
Eid-al-fitr
Rosh Hashanah
Wesak

Religions
Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism

Example:

Easter	Christianity
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Answer:

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13. Atheism means _____

14. A prayer of penitence is a prayer which expresses sorrow for sin. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

True False

15. Pluralism holds the view that _____

16. At the time of Jesus, Jerusalem was in the province of _____

17. Which **one** of the following world religions is an example of polytheism? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

Christianity Hinduism Islam Judaism

18. To behave morally means _____

19. A sacrament is _____

20. One factor which influences religious practice 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 an ecumenical gathering.



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A. Pick **one thing from the photograph which shows that this is an ecumenical gathering.**

(2 marks)

B. What is ecumenism?

(4 marks)

C. Give **two other examples of ecumenism in action.**

i.

ii.

(4 marks)

Question 2. This drawing is based on the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.



Adapted from Octopus Books Limited

A. Pick **one thing from the drawing which shows how people reacted to the miracles of Jesus.**

(2 marks)

B. Name **one other miracle that Jesus performed.**

(4 marks)

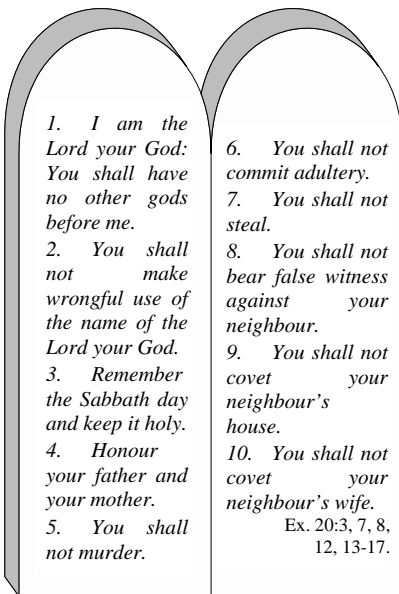
C. State **two characteristics of the kingdom of God that can be seen in one of Jesus' miracles.**

i.

ii.

(4 marks)

Question 3. This drawing shows a moral code.



*Adapted from Softkey
Multimedia Inc.*

A. Explain why this is an example of a moral code.

(4 marks)

B. Name **one** religious moral code.

(2 marks)

C. Give **two** reasons why a moral code is important in a community of faith.

i.

ii.

(4 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of a young person taking part in a Sacred Thread ceremony.



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A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which shows that this ceremony is celebrating religious faith.

(3 marks)

B. Name **one** other ceremony which celebrates a stage in the growth of religious faith.

(3 marks)

C. Taking part in a religious ceremony is one way of expressing religious faith. Name **two** other ways of expressing religious faith.

i.

ii.

(4 marks)

SECTION 3

(50 marks)

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

READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM A LETTER AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

“... I’m just back from the Christmas Carol Service. Even though it was cold, just about everyone was there. When we all stood to sing ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’ I thought of you; I know it’s your favourite Christmas carol.

The children from the local school decorated a Christmas tree with special symbols. Each symbol stood for a person from the Bible who was looking forward to the coming of the Messiah. All the parents looked very proud watching their children place stars, harps, etc. on the branches of the tree. Two teenagers read a commentary about each of the people represented on this special tree, which is called a Jesse tree.

Rev. Farrell read modern poems and prayers, as well as readings from the Bible. The whole community was represented in the procession to put the figures into the crib. The figures of Mary and Joseph were carried by a newly married couple who have just moved here. I thought it was nice to include them in that way. Members of a local band even wrote their own carol for the occasion. You could see that it meant a lot to everyone.

We lit candles for friends and family members who weren’t with us. I lit a candle for you, all those miles away. I didn’t need to say anything. Just lighting the candle, and watching its flame, was enough for me to know that you would have a good Christmas too.

When I shook hands with people as a sign of peace, lots of people asked me to give you their best wishes and to wish you a happy Christmas. During the sign of peace the local youth group brought up boxes of toys and food which they had collected for people in need.

I hope you liked the present I sent you. I also included a tiny bit of straw from the crib. I’m sure you were wondering what it was. I thought it would remind you of all those you know, who love you and who are thinking about you as they celebrate Christmas...”

1. What evidence is there in this letter to suggest that Christmas is a time of religious importance?

(12 marks)

2. a. What evidence is there in this letter to show that the carol service was an example of communal prayer?

(10 marks)

b. Give **one** example of a symbol that was used during the carol service and explain what it means.

(10 marks)

3. Give **two** reasons why people worship.

i.

ii.

(6 marks)

4. How does this letter show what is meant by **one** of the following:

● Religious belief

● Wonder

(12 marks)

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. Name a church **or** a religious organisation **or** a religious order found in present day Ireland, and outline **two** ways in which its beliefs influence the way of life of its members.

Name of church / religious organisation / religious order _____

i. _____

(24 marks)

B. a. Outline **one** challenge that a church **or** a religious organisation **or** a religious order faces in Ireland today.

Question 3. STORIES OF FAITH

A. a. Tick ✓ **one** of the following world religions you have studied and name the sacred text associated with it:

Buddhism Hinduism Islam Judaism

Name of sacred text _____
(5 marks)

b. Briefly explain why this sacred text is a document of faith.

(10 marks)

B. a. Outline **one** religious ceremony in which the sacred text you have named above is used.

(10 marks)

b. Describe **two** ways in which this sacred text influences the way of life of a follower of this world religion.

i.

(16 marks)

B. Describe **two** other factors that can influence personal faith.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

C. People today express the search for meaning in many ways.

Give **two** examples of how the search for meaning is expressed in today's world and give a brief account of each example.

i.

ii.

(18 marks)

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.

- a. Outline **one** example of inter-faith dialogue that you have studied.
- b. Discuss the reasons why people take part in inter-faith dialogue.

Question 2.

- Son of God
- Son of Man

Outline what **one** of the above titles shows about the early Christians' understanding of Jesus.

Question 3.

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

Discuss how the style of leadership in **one** of the above world religions is influenced by the views of its founder / earliest followers.

Question 4.

Religion and science have points in common and points of difference in their understanding of creation.

Outline **one** point in common and **one** point of difference.

Question 5.

Communal prayer and worship show what a community believes and values.

Discuss this statement referring to **one** community of faith you have studied.

Question 6.

Discuss how *either* the search for truth *or* the search for peace has been a driving force in the life of a person of faith in a world religion you have studied.

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