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HIGHER LEVEL
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MARKING
SCHEME

Marking Scheme

Candidates must answer **TEN** of the following twenty questions.

- 1 1 **In religious traditions ‘reconciliation’ means _____** 5
An excellent answer will accurately identify that in religious traditions reconciliation means the restoration of broken relationships.
- 1 2 **Galilee was a province in Palestine at the time of Jesus. (Tick ✓ the correct box)** 5
True False
An excellent answer will accurately identify ‘True’ as the answer relevant to the question.
- 1 3 **Polytheism is the belief in _____** 5
An excellent answer will show an understanding of polytheism as the belief that there is more than one God.
- 1 4 **The title ‘Rabbi’ is most associated with a leader in which of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box) Buddhism Hinduism Judaism** 5
An excellent answer will accurately identify ‘Judaism’ as the answer relevant to the question.
- 1 5 **In religious traditions a ‘vocation’ is a calling to _____** 5
An excellent answer will show an accurate understanding of vocation as a calling to serve in a community of faith.
- 1 6 **A Mosque is a place of worship associated with Hinduism. (Tick ✓ the correct box)** 5
True False
An excellent answer will accurately identify ‘False’ as the answer relevant to the question.
- 1 7 **Agnosticism holds the view that _____** 5
An excellent answer will show an awareness of agnosticism as the view that we know nothing of things beyond material phenomena, the person cannot know for certain whether or not God exists. This view is based on the idea that neither the existence of God nor God’s non-existence can be proven.

- 1 8 **Read the list of places of pilgrimage and the list of world religions given below. One place of pilgrimage has been matched to the religion with which it is most associated as an example for you. Make one other match.** 5
- An excellent answer will match Bodh Gaya to Buddhism; Mecca to Islam; River Ganges to Hinduism; Wailing Wall/ Western Wall to Judaism.
- 1 9 **For a religious person ‘sin’ involves _____** 5
- An excellent answer will show an understanding of moral failure by accurately describing sin as something morally wrong that damages a person’s relationship with their God.
- 1 10 **The Five Pillars are associated with which one of the following religious traditions?** 5
- (Tick ✓ the correct box) **Buddhism Islam Judaism**
- An excellent answer will accurately identify ‘Islam’ as the answer relevant to the question.
- 1 11 **In religious traditions to have ‘authority’ means _____** 5
- An excellent answer will show an understanding of authority as the power or influence connected with the role a person/ sacred text etc. has in a community of faith.
- 1 12 **Croagh Patrick is a place of religious importance in Ireland.** 5
- Name another place of religious importance in Ireland _____**
- An excellent answer will accurately name another place or building of religious importance in Ireland. The place named will be/will have been important for a community of faith in Ireland.
- 1 13 **The Law of Karma is associated with Islam? (Tick ✓ the correct box)** 5
- True False**
- An excellent answer will accurately identify ‘False’ as the answer relevant to the question.
- 1 14 **In religious traditions ‘petition’ is a type of prayer that involves _____** 5
- An excellent answer will show an understanding of how a prayer of petition involves an appeal or request to God.
- 1 15 **An example of a meal Jesus shared with another person is – (Tick ✓ the correct box)** 5
- The Calming of the Storm The Good Samaritan The Meeting with Zacchaeus**
- An excellent answer will accurately identify ‘The Meeting with Zacchaeus’ as the answer relevant to the question.

- 1 16 **In religious traditions a ‘denomination’ is _____** 5
An excellent answer will show an understanding of a denomination as a recognised branch of a church or religion.
- 1 17 **Humanism holds the view that _____** 5
An excellent answer will show an understanding of the human search for meaning by accurately identifying humanism as holding the view that a person should not turn to the supernatural or belief in God when searching for meaning in life.
- 1 18 **The Gospel of Mark is a synoptic gospel. (Tick ✓ the correct box)** 5
True False
An excellent answer will accurately identify ‘True’ as the answer relevant to the question.
- 1 19 **Communication is a characteristic of communities.** 5
Name another characteristic of communities _____
An excellent answer will show an understanding of the characteristics of communities by accurately identifying another characteristic of communities.
- 1 20 **A person uses his/her conscience to _____** 5
An excellent answer will show knowledge of the meaning of conscience by accurately describing how a person uses his/her conscience to come to an understanding of the difference between right and wrong in making a moral decision.

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Candidates must answer **THREE** of the following four questions.

Question 1. This is a photograph of a religious sister serving the needs of others.

- 2 1 A **Pick one thing from the photograph which suggests that this religious sister is serving the needs of others.** 2

An excellent answer will recognise a characteristic of a community by accurately identifying one human need that is being served by the religious sister in this photograph.

- 2 1 B **Name one example of a community.** 2

An excellent answer will show an ability to recognise different types of communities by accurately identifying one accurate example of a community.

- 2 1 C **Suggest two reasons why people need to live in a community.** 3x2

An excellent answer will recognise the characteristics of communities by suggesting two accurate reasons which account for the human need to live in a community.

Question 2. This drawing is based on the Last Supper.

- 2 2 A **Pick one thing from the drawing which shows that this is the Last Supper.** 2

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the Last Supper as a meal in the Passover tradition by accurately identifying one thing from the drawing which shows that it is based on the Last Supper.

- 2 2 B **On which of the following days of the week did Jesus celebrate the Last Supper?** 2

(Tick ✓ the correct box) Wednesday Thursday Friday

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the Last Supper as a meal in the Passover tradition by accurately identifying 'Thursday' as the answer relevant to the question.

- 2 2 C **Give two reasons why the Last Supper was important for the first Christians.** 3x2

An excellent answer will show knowledge of the first Christian communities by giving two accurate reasons why the Last Supper was important for the first Christians.

Question 3. This photograph shows an example of stewardship.

- 2 3 A **Pick one thing from the photograph which shows that this is an example of stewardship.** 2

An excellent answer will show knowledge of a religious understanding of stewardship by accurately identifying one example of stewardship from the photograph.

- 2 3 B **What is stewardship?** 4

An excellent answer will show knowledge of a religious understanding of stewardship by accurately identifying stewardship as an individual's responsibility to care for life in all its forms because of his / her religious beliefs.

- 2 3 C **Give two other examples of stewardship.** 2x2

An excellent answer will show knowledge of a religious understanding of stewardship by accurately giving two other examples of stewardship.

Question 4. This is a photograph of people practising their religion.

- 2 4 A **Pick one thing from this photograph which shows that these people are practising their religion.** 2

An excellent answer will show an understanding of religious practice by accurately identifying one thing from the photograph which suggests that this is an example of religious practice.

- 2 4 B **Give one reason why people practise their religion in this way.** 2

An excellent answer will show an understanding of religious practice as an expression of religious belief by accurately giving one reason why people practise religion in this way.

- 2 4 C **State two other ways in which people can practise their religion.** 3x2

An excellent answer will show an understanding of religious practice by accurately stating two other ways in which people can practise their religion.

Candidates must answer **ALL** of the following questions.

- 3 1 **Reflection** **Respect** 15

Tick ✓ one of the above words and outline how this letter shows what it means.

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the importance of respect or awareness of the facility for reflection as an essential human characteristic by setting out information on how this letter shows the meaning of reflection or respect.

- 3 2 **Give one reason why it is important for members of a community of faith you have studied to show respect.** 10

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the importance of respect by giving **one** accurate reason why it is important for members of a community of faith to show respect.

- 3 3 **Prayer of praise** **Prayer of thanksgiving** 10

Tick ✓ one of the above types of prayer that you have studied. Outline what is involved in the type of prayer you have ticked above.

An excellent answer will show an ability to differentiate between different types of prayer by setting out the main points of information on what is involved in a prayer of praise or a prayer of thanksgiving.

- 3 4 **● Prayer of Praise ● Prayer of Thanksgiving** 15

Outline how one of the above types of prayer can be seen in this letter.

An excellent answer will show an ability to differentiate between different types of prayer by setting out accurate information on how one of the above types of prayer can be seen in this letter.

Higher Level Paper Section 4 Marking Scheme

Candidates must answer **FOUR** of the following six questions.

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| 4 | 1 | A | <p>Giving direction is one way a person can lead a community. Outline what is involved in two other ways of leading a community that could be used by a leader.</p> <p>An excellent answer will identify two styles of community leadership by setting out the main points of information on two ways of leading a community other than giving direction.</p> | 20 |
| 4 | 1 | B | <p>Explain how the way in which a community is led can have an effect on its members.</p> <p>An excellent answer will show an understanding of a style of leadership in a community by giving one or more reasons which account for the impact of a style of leadership on a community.</p> | 20 |
| 4 | 1 | C | <p>Being a leader is one role a person can have within a community. Describe another role a person can have within a community.</p> <p>An excellent answer will show knowledge of the variety of roles within a community by giving an accurate account of a role within a community other than being a leader.</p> | 10 |
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| 4 | 2 | A | <p>Describe one incident from the life of Jesus that led to his death.</p> <p>An excellent answer will be able to recognise moments of conflict in the life of Jesus and show a familiarity with the Gospel accounts of his death by giving an accurate account of one incident that led to his death.</p> | 15 |
| 4 | 2 | B | <p>Outline two reasons why the incident you have described above led to the death of Jesus.</p> <p>An excellent answer will show a familiarity with the Gospel accounts of the death of Jesus by setting out accurate information on two reasons why the incident described above led to the death of Jesus.</p> | 20 |
| 4 | 2 | C | <p>Outline how Jesus' death affected the people who were following him.</p> <p>An excellent answer will show a familiarity with the Gospel accounts of the death of Jesus by setting out accurate information on how Jesus' death affected the people who were following him.</p> | 15 |
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4 3 A a **Buddhism** **Hinduism** **Islam** **Judaism**

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Tick ✓ one of the world religions above that you have studied.

Name one key person/group of people associated with the founding story of the world religion you have ticked above.

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the historical situation at the time of origin or foundation of the chosen major world religion by accurately identifying one key person/group of people associated with the founding story of the world religion ticked above.

4 3 A b **Explain why the person/group of people you have named is important in the founding story of the world religion you have ticked above.** 10

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the historical situation at the time of origin or foundation of the chosen major world religion by giving one or more accurate reasons why the person/group of people named is important in the founding story of the world religion ticked above.

4 3 B **Outline one way in which the story of the earliest followers influences members today in the world religion you have ticked above.** 15

An excellent answer will compare the faith and practice of an early community of faith with that of a modern community of faith by setting out accurate information on one way in which the story of the earliest followers influences members today in the world religion ticked above.

4 3 C **Explain how the world religion you have ticked above is linked to another major world religion.** 20

An excellent answer will show an awareness of the connection between major world religions by giving one or more accurate reasons which account for the way in which two major world religions are related.

4 4 A ***People sometimes have experiences which make them wonder about the meaning of life. Describe how an experience in life could make a person ask questions about the meaning of life.*** 20

An excellent answer will show awareness of how questioning is an essential human characteristic by giving an accurate account of how an experience in life could make a person ask questions about the meaning of life.

4 4 B a **Materialism** **Secularism** 10

Tick ✓ one of the above and describe what it means.

An excellent answer will show an awareness of a world view by giving an accurate account of the meaning of *either* materialism *or* secularism.

4 4 B b **Explain how the religious faith of a person could be challenged by *either* materialism *or* secularism.** 20

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the challenge a world view could pose to the religious faith of a person by giving one or more accurate reason/s which shows how *either* materialism *or* secularism could challenge a person's religious faith.

4 5 A a **Give one example of a symbol people use when they are praying** 5

An excellent answer will show an awareness of the place of symbol in human life and religious traditions by accurately identifying one symbol people use in prayer.

4 5 A b **Explain why people use the symbol you have given above when they are praying.** 9

An excellent answer will show an awareness of the place of symbol in religious traditions by giving one or more reasons why people use the symbol named above when they are praying.

4 5 B **Suggest two reasons why people can sometimes find it difficult to pray.** 12

An excellent answer will show an understanding of prayer in the lives of people by suggesting two accurate reasons why people can sometimes find it difficult to pray.

4 5 C a **Meditation** **Penitence** 10

Tick ✓ one of the above types of prayer that you have studied. Outline what is involved in the type of prayer you have ticked above.

An excellent answer will differentiate between different types of prayer by giving an accurate account of what is involved in meditation *or* penitence as a type of prayer.

4 5 C b **Outline two reasons why prayer is important for members of a world religion that you have studied.** 14

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the importance of prayer in a religious tradition by setting out information on two accurate reasons why prayer is important for members of a world religion.

- 4 6 A **Outline what is involved in two stages of the process a person goes through in making a moral decision.** 18

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the process of moral decision-making by setting out accurate information on two stages of the process a person goes through in deciding what is right and wrong.

- 4 6 B a **Give one example of a situation where there could be conflict between a country's law and a religion.** 12

An excellent answer will show a basic understanding of the relationship between state law and religious morality by giving one accurate example of a situation where they could be in conflict.

- 4 6 B b **Pluralism Religious Fundamentalism** 20

Tick ✓ one of the above and outline how it sees the relationship between a country's law and a religion.

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the relationship between state law and religious morality by setting out accurate information on how Pluralism *or* Religious Fundamentalism sees the relationship between a country's law and a religion.

Candidates must answer **ONE** of the following six questions.

5 1 **Outline how a community of faith you have studied shows a sense of –** 70

i. Commitment ii. Vision.

An excellent answer will show an understanding of how a community expresses its vision and commitment by setting out accurate information on how a community of faith shows a sense of commitment and vision.

5 2 **Outline two historical sources of information about the life of Jesus of Nazareth and discuss the ways in which they are similar to what the gospels say about his life and death.** 70 (35x2)

An excellent answer will show knowledge of the sources of information about Jesus of Nazareth and an ability to differentiate between documents of faith and documents of history by setting out accurate information on two historical sources and examining the ways in which they are similar to what the gospels say about Jesus' life and death.

5 3 **◆ Buddhism ◆ Hinduism ◆ Islam ◆ Judaism** 70

Describe a time of year that is important for members in one of the above world religions. In your answer you should explain why that time of year is important for followers today.

An excellent answer will show knowledge of the beliefs and symbols of a major world religion by giving an accurate account of a time of year that has religious importance and stating one or more reasons that account for why that time of year is important for members of a world religion today.

5 4 ***“The world is charged with the grandeur of God.” – Gerard Manley Hopkins*** 70

Describe the key beliefs about God held by believers in one of the major world religions that you have studied. In your answer you should outline how the beliefs about God influence the way of life of followers of the world religion.

An excellent answer will show an understanding of the beliefs of one major world

religion by giving an accurate account of the key beliefs and setting out information on how these beliefs influence the way of life of followers in a world religion studied as part of the Junior Certificate Religious Education course.

5 5 ***Ritual can help people to express their faith.***

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Discuss the importance of ritual for members of one of the following major world religions:

◆ Buddhism ◆ Christianity ◆ Hinduism ◆ Islam ◆ Judaism

An excellent answer will show an understanding of ritual as an element of worship by examining different opinions/perspectives on the importance of ritual for members of a world religion.

5 6 **Outline the work being done by one community of faith to promote justice.**

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In your answer you should describe the religious moral vision on which this work is based.

An excellent answer will show knowledge of a religious moral vision by setting out information on the work being done by one community of faith to promote justice and giving an accurate account of the religious moral vision on which this work is based.