



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2014

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — HIGHER LEVEL

Total Marks: 400

THURSDAY, 12 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 ANSWER 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 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 5 marks each)

1. The Roman Catholic Church is a Christian denomination in Ireland today.

Name **another** Christian denomination in Ireland today.

2. Jesus of Nazareth was born in Bethlehem.

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

3. In religious traditions the term 'peace' refers to _____

4. A 'saffron robe' is a religious garment most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

BUDDHISM

ISLAM

JUDAISM

5. Confirmation is one example of a Christian sacrament.

Name **another** example of a Christian sacrament.

6. The sea where Jesus called his first disciples was named —

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

THE DEAD SEA

THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

THE SEA OF GALILEE

7. In religious traditions the term 'ministry' refers to _____

8. Read the list of people of faith and the list of major world religions given below. One person has been matched to the major world religion with which he/she is most associated as an example for you. Make **one** other match.

<i>People of Faith</i>
Gandhi
Khadijah
Mary Magdalene
Moses
Siddhartha Gautama

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

Example:

<i>People of Faith</i>	<i>World Religions</i>
Mary Magdalene	Christianity

Answer:

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9. The celebration of a Bar Mitzvah is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?

(Tick ✓ the correct box)

CHRISTIANITY

ISLAM

JUDAISM

10. The Hindu religion is associated with polytheism. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
TRUE FALSE
11. In religious traditions the term 'reflection' refers to _____

12. 'Halal' food is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?
(Tick ✓ the correct box)
BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY ISLAM
13. Josephus is one example of an historical source of information about Jesus of Nazareth.
Name **another** example of an historical source of information about Jesus of Nazareth.

14. Humanism holds the view that when looking for the meaning of life a person should turn
to the supernatural or belief in God. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
TRUE FALSE
15. In religious traditions the term 'tolerance' refers to _____

16. Pluralism is associated with the idea that everyone has the right to express religious or
non-religious views. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
TRUE FALSE
17. In religious traditions the term 'sin' refers to _____

18. Belief in reincarnation is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?
(Tick ✓ the correct box)
HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM
19. Religious fundamentalism holds the view that _____

20. A morally mature person thinks of others when making decisions about right and wrong.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)
TRUE FALSE

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 picture is based on a Gospel account of Jesus celebrating the Last Supper.



(Source: www.theliterates.ca)

A. Pick one thing from this picture which suggests that it is based on Jesus' celebration of the Last Supper.

(2 marks)

B. According to the Gospels which one of the following people was present at the Last Supper with Jesus? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

PAUL PETER PRISCILLA (2 marks)

C. State two reasons why Jesus celebrated the Last Supper.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 2. This is a photograph of a person who is a religious leader.



(Source: <http://news.yahoo.com>)

A. Pick one thing from the photograph which suggests that this person is a religious leader.

(2 marks)

B. Pope Francis is the name of a religious leader associated with a Christian denomination. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE FALSE (2 marks)

C. State two reasons why the term 'authority' can be associated with the role of a leader in a community of faith.

i. _____

ii. _____

(6 marks)

Question 3. This is a picture from the cover of a school religion book.



(Source: Adapted from <http://dailyenglish11.blogspot.ie>)

A. Pick **one** thing from the picture which suggests that this book is about morality.

_____ (2 marks)

B. Religion can influence a person’s understanding of what it means to be moral. Name **another** influence on a person’s understanding of what it means to be moral.

_____ (2 marks)

C. State **two** ways in which religion could influence a person’s understanding of what it means to be moral.

i. _____

ii. _____

_____ (6 marks)

Question 4. This is a picture of a child’s prayer card.

*Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God’s love
commits me here,
ever this day,
be at my side
to light and guard
to rule and guide.*

(Source: Adapted from www.beliefnet.com)

A. Pick **one** thing from the picture which suggests that this is a prayer of petition.

_____ (2 marks)

B. The ‘Shema’ is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions?
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

BUDDHISM ISLAM JUDAISM

(2 marks)

C. State **two** things that a prayer of petition shows about a person’s belief in God.

i. _____

ii. _____

_____ (6 marks)

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

READ THE ARTICLES BELOW FROM A SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

PEOPLE OF FAITH TODAY



The Irish Boxer Katie Taylor recently took time out from her busy schedule to thank God and all the people who supported her in winning a gold medal at the Olympics. "I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers ... because I couldn't have done this without them. God has been so great to me these last few years in my career and I'd be nothing without him ... I wouldn't be standing here as a champion if it wasn't for God in my life ... I just want to honour him in everything I do..."

(Adapted from www.f3.thejournal.ie & rsvpmagazine.ie)

The Newcastle United football club have established an area for Islamic players to worship before matches. Players have been using various rooms at the grounds to worship before games. A club member explained: "prayer has become an important part of the build up to big games." It is important to look after the players and now they will get a proper prayer room.



Footballers celebrate their goal scoring during a match by touching their foreheads on the ground in prayer.

(Adapted from - www.mirror.co.uk & myheartbeatsfootball.wordpress.com)

- 1. Describe one example of how the religious faith of people can be seen in the articles on the above notice board.

Handwriting lines for the answer to question 1.

(10 marks)

2. MATERIALISM SECULARISM

Tick ✓ **one** of the above and outline how the way of looking at the world that you have ticked could pose a challenge to the religious faith of a person.

(14 marks)

3. ● CONTEMPLATION ● MEDITATION

Describe an example of what is involved in **one** of the above types of prayer.

(TYPE OF PRAYER)	

(12 marks)

4. *People of faith express their religious beliefs in different types of prayer.*

Explain why people use *either* contemplation *or* meditation as a type of prayer to express their faith.

(TYPE OF PRAYER)	

(14 marks)

SECTION 4

(200 marks)

**YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 55 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.
YOU MUST ANSWER FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING SIX QUESTIONS.**

(All questions carry 50 marks each)

Question 1. COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

- A. a.** ● COMMITMENT ● COMMUNICATION ● SHARING

Choose **two** of the above and describe how each can be seen in a community of faith today.

i. _____

(12 marks)

- b. COMMUNITY BREAKDOWN LACK OF CO-OPERATION

Tick ✓ **one** of the above and explain why this would be a challenge for the members of a community of faith.

(15 marks)

- B. a.** ‘The Pope’ is one example of a title that is given to a leader in a community of faith in Ireland today.

Name **another** title that is given to a leader in a community of faith in Ireland today.

(5 marks)

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- b. ● COMMUNITY BREAKDOWN ● LACK OF CO-OPERATION
 Suggest how the leader of a community of faith could address the challenge posed by **one** of the above.

(18 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — CHRISTIANITY

- A. a. Name **one** example of a parable told by Jesus. _____

 (5 marks)
- b. Describe the story Jesus told in the parable that you have named above.

(12 marks)

- B.** a. Outline **one** characteristic of the Kingdom of God that Jesus preached in the parable which you have named in *part Aa*) above.

(15 marks)

- b. Explain **two** reasons why Jesus used parables to teach people about the Kingdom of God.

i.

ii.

(18 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 **one** place of pilgrimage that is most associated with the world religion which you have ticked above. _____

(5 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why the members of the world religion that you have ticked go on pilgrimage to the place which you have named in *part Aa)* above.

i. _____

ii. _____

(12 marks)

B. a. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

Name a sacred text that is associated with **one** of the above world religions and explain **two** reasons why it can be described as a document of faith.

SACRED TEXT: _____ WORLD RELIGION: _____

i. _____

ii. _____

(18 marks)

B. a. Describe **one** example of how religion and science have similar views of creation.

(15 marks)

b. Explain **one** reason why there has been tension between the religious and scientific views of creation.

(15 marks)

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Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

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

BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM

Name **one** religious building that is most associated with the world religion which you have ticked above. _____

(5 marks)

b. Describe **two** examples of how the building that you have named above is used for worship.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

B. a. Outline **one** example of how people use a religious symbolic action to express *either* the meaning of life *or* the mystery of life.

(15 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why people use religious symbolic actions to express *either* the meaning of life *or* the mystery of life.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

Question 6. THE MORAL CHALLENGE

A. a. Describe **one** example of the work being done by the members of a major world religion to promote justice in the world today.

(15 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why the members of a major world religion work for justice in the world today.

i.

ii.

(14 marks)

B. a. In religious traditions the term 'reconciliation' refers to _____

(5 marks)

b. Outline **two** methods by which a major world religion offers its members an opportunity for reconciliation.

i.

ii.

(16 marks)

SECTION 5

(70 marks)

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

YOU MUST ANSWER **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING SIX QUESTIONS.

(All questions carry 70 marks each)

Question 1. Examine the work being done by a community of faith found in Ireland today to promote dialogue between different major world religions using **each** of the following headings:

- i. The inspiration for the work.
- ii. The impact of the work.

Question 2. Profile what life in Palestine was like for people living at the time of Jesus using **each** of the following headings:

- i. Geography.
- ii. Religion.

Question 3. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

Imagine you are preparing a presentation about a religious festival that is associated with one of the above world religions. Outline the points you would make in your presentation about the religious festival in answer to **each** of the following questions:

- i. What happens during the celebration of the religious festival?
- ii. Why do members of the world religion celebrate the religious festival today?

Question 4. Imagine you have been asked to write an article for a local magazine about religious practice in Ireland over the last hundred years. Outline what you would write in your article making reference to **each** of the following:

- i. Changes in religious practice.
- ii. Influences on religious practice.

Question 5. Profile **two** benefits that communal prayer can have for the members of a community of faith.

Question 6. ● INFORMED CONSCIENCE ● INTEGRITY

Evaluate the importance of **each** of the above for a person in deciding what is right and wrong on a moral issue.

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