



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2015

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — ORDINARY LEVEL

Total Marks: 400

THURSDAY, 11 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 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 ‘mission’ involves _____

2. A newly established custom or practice can be described as a tradition. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

3. Read the list of prayers and the list of world religions given below. One prayer has been matched to the world religion with which it is most associated as an example for you.

Make **one** other match.

<i>Prayers</i>	<i>World Religions</i>
Apostles’ Creed	Buddhism
Kiddush	Christianity
Paritta	Hinduism
Rig Veda	Islam
Takbir	Judaism

Example:
Answer:

<i>Prayer</i>	<i>World Religion</i>
<i>Apostles’ Creed</i>	<i>Christianity</i>

4. In religious traditions the term ‘revelation’ refers to _____

5. Jesus of Nazareth was sentenced to death by Joseph of Arimathea. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

6. Moral immaturity can be seen when _____

7. The term ‘inter-faith dialogue’ refers to _____

8. The largest Christian denomination in Ireland today is — (Tick ✓ the correct box)

ANGLICAN

METHODIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC

9. One reason for community breakdown is _____

10. In religious traditions the term ‘schism’ refers to a division or split within a community. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

11. The writing down of the stories, sayings and teachings of a world religion was one stage in the development of a sacred text. State **another** stage in the development of a sacred text.

12. Read the list of religious festivals and the list of world religions given below. Match **one** religious festival to the world religion with which it is most associated.

<i>Religious Festivals</i>	<i>World Religions</i>
Christmas	Buddhism
Diwali	Christianity
Eid-ul-Fitr	Hinduism
Hanukkah	Islam
Vesak/Wesak	Judaism

Answer:

<i>Religious Festival</i>	<i>World Religion</i>

13. Historical evidence for the existence of Jesus of Nazareth can be found in the writings of —
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

HOSEA

JOB

TACITUS

14. In the development of a person's faith the term 'reflection' refers to _____

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

BUDDHISM

HINDUISM

JUDAISM

16. In deciding what is right or wrong on an issue, referring to an 'authority' involves recognising the wisdom of others.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

17. State **one** change that there has been in the pattern of religious practice in Ireland over the last 100 years. _____

18. To show tolerance involves respecting the different beliefs of other people.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

19. The name Shiva is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions:
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

BUDDHISM

HINDUISM

ISLAM

20. In religious traditions an example of a sacrament is _____

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 a person reading from a sacred text.



(Source: www.conservapedia.com)

A. Pick one thing from the photograph which suggests that this person is reading from a sacred text.

_____ (6 marks)

B. Tick ✓ one of the following world religions and name a sacred text associated with it:

- BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY HINDUISM
ISLAM JUDAISM

Name of sacred text: _____ (6 marks)

C. Give one reason why a text is regarded as sacred by the members of a world religion.

_____ (8 marks)

Question 2. This is a photograph of a community of faith.



(Source: Ken O' Halloran — Irish Independent)

A. Pick one thing from the photograph which suggests that these people are members of a community of faith.

_____ (6 marks)

B. Being the leader is one role that a person can have in a community of faith. Name another role that a person can have within a community of faith.

_____ (6 marks)

C. Give one reason why people have different roles in a community of faith.

_____ (8 marks)

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Question 3. This is a photograph of a building that is a place of worship for the members of a community of faith.



(Source: galeri.uludagsozluk.com)

A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this building is a place of worship.

(6 marks)

B. Tick ✓ **one** of the following types of building and name the major world religion with which it is most associated:

- CHURCH MANDIR MOSQUE
- SYNAGOGUE TEMPLE

Name of major world religion: _____

(6 marks)

C. Give **one** reason why the members of a world religion worship in a particular type of building.

(8 marks)

Question 4. This is a drawing of a symbol of justice.



(Source: www.patheos.com)

A. Pick **one** thing from the drawing which suggests that this symbol represents justice.

(6 marks)

B. In a religious tradition the term ‘justice’ refers to —

(6 marks)

C. Give **one** reason why the members of a community of faith work for justice.

(8 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND ABOUT 20 MINUTES ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.
READ THE STORY BELOW CAREFULLY AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

Once there was a wise woman who lived in a village. The children in the village were puzzled by her wisdom. One day several of the children decided to test the woman. They believed that no one could be as wise as everyone said she was, and they wanted to prove it. So the



children found a young bird and one of them held it in his hands and said: “We'll ask her whether the bird I'm holding still in my hands is dead or alive. If she says it's dead, I'll open my hands and let it fly away.” The children then went to the woman and one of them asked her: “This bird in my hands — is it dead or alive?” The woman became very still, studied the child's hands and then looked carefully into his eyes. In reply to the question she said: “It's in your hands — so it is up to you whether the bird is dead or alive.” The child looked at his hands in amazement and released his hold on the bird, letting it fly away.

(Adapted from Saint Mary's Press & C. Heyward - Touching Our Strength, page 73)

- From your reading of this story outline what the woman’s reply, “It's in your hands...”, would have meant to the child who questioned her.

(14 marks)

2.

● CHOICE

● FREEDOM

● TRUTH

Choose **one** of the above and describe an example of how it can be seen in this story.

(14 marks)

3. Explain how the connection between actions and consequences can be seen in this story.

(14 marks)

4.

● FRIENDS

● RELIGION

Outline how **each** of the above could influence a person's idea of what is right and wrong.

(18 marks)

OVER →

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.** In a religious tradition having a vocation involves being called to serve God and others.
(Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE FALSE (8 marks)

- b.** ● INSPIRING VISION ● PREACHING

Explain why **each** of the above is important for the members of a community of faith today.

(12 marks)

- B. a.** Sectarianism is the hatred of another person because of — (Tick ✓ the correct box)

AGE GENDER RELIGION (8 marks)

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b. Outline **two** effects that sectarianism can have on the lives of people today.

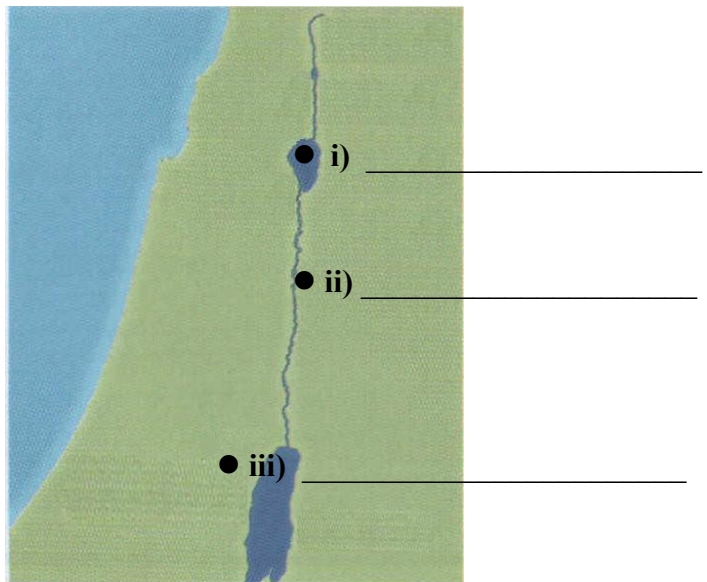
i.

ii.

(12 marks)

Question 2. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — CHRISTIANITY

A. a. Name the sea marked **i)**, the river marked **ii)** and the city marked **iii)**, on the map of Palestine opposite:



(Source: Adapted from St Mark's Gospel Heinemann)

(9 marks)

b. Describe an event from the life of Jesus that happened in **one** of the places which you have named on the map of Palestine above.

(10 marks)

B. a. Read the names of the religious groups and the list of reactions to Roman rule in Palestine at the time of Jesus that are given below. Match each religious group to the way it reacted to Roman rule. One religious group has been matched to its reaction as an example for you.

Reactions to Roman rule:

- ACCEPTED AND WORKED WITH THE ROMANS.
- DESERT COMMUNITIES; REMOVED FROM ROMAN RULE.
- DID NOT CO-OPERATE WITH THE ROMANS; FOCUSED ON JEWISH LAWS.
- REACTED WITH VIOLENCE TO ROMAN RULE.

Religious Groups:

ESSENES	PHARISEES	SADDUCEES	ZEALOTS
	✓		

(9 marks)

b. Describe what happened on **one** occasion when Jesus came into contact with Romans living in Palestine.

(12 marks)

Question 3. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

A. a. A creed is a statement of religious belief. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
 TRUE FALSE (8 marks)

b. Tick ✓ **one** of the following world religions that you have studied:
 BUDDHISM HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM

Outline in your own words **two** religious beliefs that are associated with the world religion which you have ticked above.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

B. a. Read the list of places of pilgrimage and the list of world religions given below.
 Match **one** place of pilgrimage to the world religion with which it is most associated.

<i>Places of Pilgrimage</i>
Kusinara
Plain of Arafat
The Wailing Wall
Varanasi

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

<i>Place of Pilgrimage</i>	<i>World Religion</i>

Answer:

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(8 marks)

- b. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

Explain **two** reasons why pilgrims visit a place associated with one of the above world religions.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

Question 4. THE QUESTION OF FAITH

- A. a. In religious traditions the term ‘trust’ refers to having confidence in the integrity of someone or something. (Tick ✓ the correct box) TRUE FALSE (8 marks)

- b. Outline how trust can play a role in the development of a person's faith.

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(12 marks)

- B.** a. ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

Mother Teresa of Calcutta is one example of a person who showed religious commitment during her life.

Name **another** person, associated with one of the world religions listed above, who showed religious commitment in his/her life.

NAME: _____ WORLD RELIGION: _____
(8 marks)

- b. Outline **one** example of how religious commitment was shown in the life of the person that you have named in *part B a)* above.

(12 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

A. a. *Croagh Patrick Co. Mayo is a place where religious belief is expressed by people today.*

Name **another** particular place in Ireland where people express religious belief today.

_____ (8 marks)

b. Explain **one** reason why people today go to the place that you have named above to express their religious beliefs.

(10 marks)

c. Describe **one** way that religious belief is expressed by people today in the place which you have named in *part A a)* above.

(10 marks)

B. Explain **two** reasons why people today can find it difficult to pray.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

Question 6. THE MORAL CHALLENGE

A. a. In religious traditions a person uses his/her conscience to —

(8 marks)

b. Outline what is involved in **two** stages that a person goes through when making a moral decision.

i.

ii.

(12 marks)

B. a. In a religious tradition the term 'peace' refers to —

(8 marks)

b. Describe **one** example of how a community of faith is working for peace.

(12 marks)