



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2017

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – ORDINARY 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 ANSWER ALL 4 SECTIONS ON THIS PAPER.

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For the Examiner only

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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 forgiveness involves _____

2. In religious traditions meditation is a form of prayer. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

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

<i>Places of Worship</i>	<i>World Religions</i>
Church	Buddhism
Mosque	Christianity
Synagogue	Hinduism
Temple	Islam
Vihara	Judaism

Example:
Answer:

<i>Place of Worship</i>	<i>World Religion</i>
<i>Church</i>	<i>Christianity</i>

4. In religious traditions preaching refers to _____

5. Jeremiah was one of the evangelists who wrote the Gospels. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE

FALSE

6. A king is an image of God associated with a major world religion.

Name **another** image of God associated with a major world religion.

7. The Eucharist is one example of a Christian sacrament. Name **another** example of a Christian sacrament. _____

8. Advent is a time most associated with the religious calendar of which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

CHRISTIANITY

HINDUISM

JUDAISM

9. In religious traditions a person's conscience refers to _____

10. Two brothers named James and John were among the apostles called by Jesus of Nazareth. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- TRUE FALSE
11. One factor that influences religious practice is _____
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12. Which **one** of the following people was most associated with the formation of an Early Christian community? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- ISAIAH HOSEA PAUL
13. Christianity is a world religion most associated with polytheism. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- TRUE FALSE
14. Participation is one element of worship. State **another** element of worship. _____
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15. Jesus was born in which **one** of the following places in Palestine? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- BETHLEHEM JERUSALEM NAZARETH
16. In Buddhism the Sangha is a community of monks and nuns. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- TRUE FALSE
17. Co-operation is a characteristic of a community of faith. State **another** characteristic of a community of faith. _____
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18. 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
19. The Sacred Thread ceremony is most associated with which **one** of the following world religions? (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- BUDDHISM HINDUISM ISLAM
20. The Sanhedrin was the Jewish religious court in Palestine at the time of Jesus of Nazareth. (Tick ✓ the correct box)
- TRUE FALSE

SECTION 2

(60 marks)

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

CHOOSE **THREE** OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON EACH. **(All questions carry 20 marks each)**

Question 1. This is a photograph of a community of faith.



(Source: Adapted from <http://londonmandir.baps.org>)

A. Pick **one** thing from the photograph which suggests that this is a community of faith.

(6 marks)

B. In a community of faith 'vocation' involves a calling to ____

(6 marks)

C. State **one** reason why members have different roles within a community of faith.

(8 marks)

Question 2. This is a photograph of people expressing religious belief.



(Source: <http://article.wn.com>)

A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that the people are expressing religious belief.

(6 marks)

B. In religious traditions monotheism refers to the belief in only one God. (Tick ✓ the correct box)

TRUE FALSE (6 marks)

C. State **one** example of how monotheism is expressed by the members of a major world religion.

(8 marks)

Question 3. This picture is based on a Gospel account of table-fellowship in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.



(Source: 'Christ at Emmaus' by Walter Rane)

A. Pick **one** thing from the picture which suggests that this is an example of Jesus practising table-fellowship.

(6 marks)

B. With which **one** of the following people did Jesus practise table-fellowship? (Tick ✓ the correct box)

ZACCHAEUS ZEDEKIAH ZEPHANIAH (6 marks)

C. State **one** characteristic of the Kingdom of God that Jesus taught his disciples through table-fellowship.

(8 marks)

Question 4. This is a photograph of people standing together beside lit candles arranged in a way that forms the word 'PEACE'.



(Source: www.hurriyetdailynews.com)

A. Pick **one** thing from this photograph which suggests that these people are promoting peace.

(6 marks)

B. Give **another** example of a way that the members of a world religion work for peace. _____

(6 marks)

C. State **one** reason why the members of a world religion work for peace.

(8 marks)

SECTION 3

(60 marks)

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

Below is a suggestion board on which students have posted ideas about where the meaning of life can be found today.

READ THE SUGGESTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

SUGGESTION BOARD — *The meaning of life is found in...*

Money, money ...
...music expresses feelings which I can't put into words ... Jo

...being successful — winning is the best feeling in the world! ... Sam
... doing work that interests me Pat

...being creative and making things that others need ...Ger
... talking with others... knowing that I am not alone... Alex

(Sources: Softkey Multimedia Inc.; <http://blog.gainesvillecoins.com>; <http://homecarecalgary.com>; huffingtonpost.com)

1. Explain in your own words why a person searching for the meaning of life today could look to **one** of the suggestions given above.

(12 marks)

2. Taking time for reflection is important when searching for the meaning of life because _____

(8 marks)

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. The Carmelite Sisters are a religious order that can be found in Ireland today.
Name **another** religious order that can be found in Ireland today.

_____ (8 marks)

- b. ● COMMITMENT ● SERVICE

Describe an example of how **each** of the above can be seen in a community of faith that you have studied.

COMMITMENT: _____

SERVICE: _____

(12 marks)

- B. a. Explain **one** reason why community breakdown can happen within a community of faith.

Question 3. FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGION — MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

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

BUDDHISM HINDUISM ISLAM JUDAISM

a. Name a text that is sacred for the members of the world religion that you have ticked above.

_____ (8 marks)

b. Explain **one** reason why the sacred text that you have named in part *Aa)* above is regarded as a document of faith.

_____ (10 marks)

c. Describe what happened during **one** stage in the development of the sacred text that you have named in part *Aa)* above.

_____ (10 marks)

Question 5. THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

A. a. *The River Ganges in India is a place of religious practice for the members of a major world religion today.*

Name **another** particular place that is associated with religious practice by the members of a major world religion today.

NAME OF PLACE: _____

MAJOR WORLD RELIGION: _____

(8 marks)

b. Explain **two** reasons why the place that you have named in part Aa) above is associated with religious practice by the members of a major world religion today.

i. _____

ii. _____

(12 marks)

B. a. Read the list of prayers and the list of world religions below. Match **one** prayer to the world religion with which it is most associated.

<i>Prayers</i>	<i>World Religions</i>
The Shema	Buddhism
The Paritta	Christianity
The Shahada/Shahadah	Hinduism
The Rig Veda	Islam
The Our Father/Lord's Prayer	Judaism

Answer:

<i>Prayer</i>	<i>World Religion</i>

(8 marks)

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b. Explain **two** ways that participating in communal prayer can be of benefit to the members of a major world religion.

i. _____

ii. _____

(12 marks)

Question 6. THE MORAL CHALLENGE

A. a. People have different reasons for deciding what is right and wrong in a situation.

Jo: *It's wrong of you not to play by the rules of the game.*

Sam: *I did nothing wrong. Everyone breaks the rules!*

Tick ✓ the box below that correctly matches Sam's statement with the reason, for deciding what is moral, on which it is based. Jo's statement has been matched to its reason for deciding what is moral, as an example for you.

<i>The reason for deciding what is moral is based on —</i>	<i>JO</i>	<i>SAM</i>
COMMON PRACTICE		
LAW AND ORDER	✓	
PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES		

(8 marks)

