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## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES 7560, MARK SCHEME**

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**Generic mark scheme for evaluative questions marked out of six.**

### **Level 0**

No answer, or the answer is irrelevant to the question, or the answer is incoherent, or for some other reason the answer is worthless.

0 marks.

### **Level 1**

A statement of opinion with a simple but relevant justification.

1 - 2 marks

### **Level 2**

Some recognition, although undeveloped, of the complexities of the issue; an attempt to develop an argument or to weigh differing views.

3 - 4 marks

### **Level 3**

A fuller appreciation of the issue(s) involved; a developed argument or a balanced evaluation; some insight evident.

5 - 6 marks

### **NOTE:**

1. All part (c) evaluation questions are to be marked in accordance with the generic mark scheme.
2. Some answers require updating at standardisation.

**SECTION 1: The Hebrew Scriptures: A study of certain religious leaders against their historical background.**

Select questions from EITHER Part (a) OR Part (b)

**EITHER Part (a): Abraham to David (up to the birth of Solomon)**

1. (a) Abraham's own son would be his heir; his descendants would be as numerous as the stars; he would die at a good old age; he would father many nations; his descendants would own Canaan (or the land from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates / great river); he was to establish male circumcision as a sign of the Covenant; he was to "walk before God, and be blameless"; God would be the God of Abraham's descendants forever.
- 1 mark per point. 8**
- (b) Unifying feature; carries responsibility ("nation of priests"); centrality of God in understanding one's identity; continuity through generations; etc.
- Any 2 explained, maximum 3 marks per point. 6**
- (c) Many possible references: look for quality of argument. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
2. (a) Overheard Isaac's conversation with Esau; related same to Jacob; instructed him to kill kids; cooked them; gave him Esau's clothes; wrapped goatskin over his arms; sent him in to Isaac; assured him any curse would fall on her.
- 1 mark per point. 8**
- (b) Affirmed the presence of God in a strange land; gave him confidence in the future; led him to commit himself to God; a connection between heaven and earth.
- Any 2 explained, maximum 3 marks per point. 6**
- (c) Importance of forethought, repentance, humility, generosity, forgiveness, family relationships, etc. Allow references to Esau. Look for quality of argument. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
3. (a) Sheaves; J's sheaf stood upright; brothers' sheaves bowed down; worsened relationships with his brothers; sun, moon, 11 stars; bowed to him; rebuked by his father; brothers jealous.
- 1 mark per point. 8**

- (b) His presence in Egypt saved the country from famine; and enabled him to save his own family; and gave him a position of authority; he knew his powers of interpretation were from God.

Any 2 explained, **maximum 3 marks per point.** **6**

- (c) Any sensible points: look for quality of argument. **6**

**(Total 20 marks)**

4. (a) Moses and Aaron; went to Pharaoh many times and asked for permission for Israelites to leave for a festival; Pharaoh refused initially; miracle of snakes; plague of frogs, Pharaoh repented but reneged; plagues of gnats and flies, Pharaoh offered local festival, Moses adamant, Pharaoh capitulated, then reneged; plagues of cattle, boils and hail, Pharaoh repented and reneged; warning of locusts, Pharaoh refused to listen, but repented when they appeared, then reneged, plague of darkness, Pharaoh offered to allow people to leave but animals to stay, Moses refused to accept. (No further communication between them.)

**1 mark per point** but give credit for more general accounts which recognise several encounters and conversations took place. **8**

- (b) Several possible incidents: look for sensible and specific comment concerning Moses' faith in the particular circumstances.

**2 marks maximum** for incident, **up to 4** for comment. **6**

- (c) Quality of argument. **6**

**(Total 20 marks)**

5. (a) Any 2 incidents; **4 marks per account.** **8**

- (b) "Turned aside after gain; took bribes; perverted justice; people complained to Samuel; asked for a king; hence the monarchy with all its advantages and disadvantages.

**1 mark per point.** **6**

- (c) Quality of argument. **6**

**(Total 20 marks)**

6. (a) Many possible incidents: **up to 4 marks per narrative.** **8**

- (b) Saul was the Lord's anointed, therefore it was wrong to kill him; He had affection for Saul because of their shared past (examples may be given); there is a moral difference between killing in battle and murder.

Any two explained, **3 marks per explanation.** **6**

(c) Quality of argument. 6

(Total 20 marks)

**OR Part (b): Elijah to Jeremiah**

7. (a) The meal and the oil not running out showed that he was favoured by and given prescience by God; the cure of the widow's son showed healing powers; the overcoming of the prophets of Baal showed God's power manifested; the correct prophecy of rain showed prescience. 8

(b) Any incident explained. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

8. (a) Elijah's mantle; parting of the water; crossing of river; Elijah's question and Elisha's request; chariot of fire; whirlwind took Elijah to heaven; Elisha tore his clothes; took Elijah's mantle. 8

(b) Any 2 incidents; up to 3 marks each. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

9. (a) See Amos Ch 4 vi - xi. Look for detail. 2 examples, up to 4 marks each. 8

(b) See Ch 1 xi - 2 iii. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

10. (a) Serial adultery; ignorance of the fathers of her children; abandonment; past history. 8

(b) Parallelism: people turned away from God; worshipped false gods; misbehaved as a result. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

11. (a) (i) Empty worship; lack of putting into practice. 8  
(ii) Injustice; oppression; lack of care for orphans and widows; corruption.

(b) The Lord is holy; I am unclean; there will be judgement upon those who fail to understand. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

12. (a) Build houses and live in them; plant gardens; have families; seek the welfare of the place where you live; God will be with you; your descendants will return; ignore false prophets; the Covenant is secure. 8

(b) For reassurance. He bought a field. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

**SECTION 2: The Life and Teaching of Jesus  
(according to St. Luke, with Matthew 5, 6 and 7)**

13. (a) Anna and Simeon. 8
- (b) Orthodox - obeyed the rules. Open to enlightenment. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
14. (a) Read from Scripture; "Today this is fulfilled"; wonderment; prophet without honour in his own country; miracles rare; wrath; intent to kill; Jesus escaped. 8
- (b) Jealousy; flexibility; attacks on religiosity. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
15. (a) Friends brought man; Pharisees etc present; crowds; hole in roof; sins forgiven; Pharisees outraged; which is easier?; Son of Man has power. 8
- (b) Faith of friends sufficed - prayer/action on behalf of others is effective. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
16. (a) Question from lawyer: what shall I do...?; reply: love...; Question: who is my neighbour?; man beaten up by thieves; priest and Levite passed by; Samaritan stopped, treated wounds; took to inn, paid for care; who was neighbour?...do likewise. 8
- (b) (i) Critical of religious figures and rules; outcast was hero. 6
- (ii) Luke was Gentile; concerned for outcasts. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
17. (a) (i) Anger, insults and abuse are spiritually as damaging as murder. Seek reconciliation. 8
- (ii) Lustfully looking is morally equivalent to adultery; divorce, except for unchasteness, forces women into adultery (on re-marriage), marrying a divorcee is adultery. 8
- (b) He did not retaliate when arrested, beaten, etc; he prayed for those who crucified him. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**



18. (a) Luke 23 vv i - xxv 8
- (b) Pilate: fair-minded, but not wanting responsibility; well-intentioned,  
but swayed by public opinion; ultimately weak.
- Herod: sensation-seeker; no interest in justice; casually cruel. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

**SECTION 3: The Growth and Problems of the Early Church  
(Acts 1-21 and I Corinthians 1-13)**

19. (a) Acts 2 vv i - xiii (not Peter's speech). **8**
- (b) Outpouring of Holy Spirit upon Gentiles; recognition of fellowship and equality not only among Jewish followers but all. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
20. (a) (i) Women, including servants, accepted as members, spoken to on equal terms. **8**
- (b) They had asked for advice; there were concerns in the church about divorce, unbelieving partners, and celibacy; Christians in Corinth needed to distinguish themselves and their worship from the prevailing practices. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
21. (a) Abstain from: offerings to idols, unchastity; that which has been strangled; blood. (Explained). **8**
- (b) Testimony from Peter and others about God's work in the Gentile community; coherence with prophecy; avoidance of unnecessary burdens. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
22. (a) His devoted service; final farewell; instruction to care for themselves and the flock; warning of false teachers to come; commendation to God; instruction to work for their keep; to help the weak; to give rather than receive. **8**
- (b) Repentance; faith in Jesus; salvation through atoning grace. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
23. (a) Apostles; prophets; teachers; workers of miracles; healers; helpers; administrators; speakers in tongues. **8**
- (b) They were riven into factions; they did not share the Lord's Supper; they were going to law against each other. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**

24. (a) Cor 13 8
- (b) To be at an altar with others is to be partnered with them; pagans sacrifice to demons; Christians should not be partnered with demons; God must not be provoked. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

#### SECTION 4: The Qu'ran

25. (a) Kept on stand; on highest shelf; covered; hands washed; pointer used; prayer before reading; some learn by heart. 8
- (b) Any two explained. 6
- (c) In order to more fully appreciate his power, glory, omnipresence, overwhelming importance, etc. and how He should impact upon life and behaviour.  
Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

26. (a) Major prophet and messenger; proclaimed his mission before Pharaoh; met with al-Khadir; performed nine signs/miracles (including the dividing of the sea); had the same religion as the Prophet Muhammad. 8
- (b) All are God's children; all should be treated with respect, and lived with peacefully if at all possible; Christians and Jews are people of the Scriptures, and need not convert, Muslim males may marry Christians or Jews; other believers should be evangelised in order that they may please God. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

27. (a) Husbands must support and protect their wives; must be considerate of their welfare; must meet their sexual needs; be faithful. Wives must obey their husbands unless to do so contravenes Islamic law; must manage his possessions and property; meet their sexual needs; be faithful. 8
- (b) The right to their own property; the right to be maintained by her nearest male relative; the right to study; the right to work; the right to refuse marriage; the right to inviolate respect. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

28. (a) Halal: permitted. All dairy products and vegetables, most meat and fish.  
Haram: forbidden. Pork products, carrion, meat not slaughtered in the name of Allah, alcohol. 8
- (b) Physical health; spiritual discipline; unity of the Ummah; Will of Allah. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

29. (a) Avoid bias; be alert; seek the common good. 8
- (b) (i) Breach of marriage contract; paternity of children questionable; breakdown of marriage/family life; against God's will. 6
- (ii) One should work for one's possessions; unnecessary where Zakat is paid; sin against Ummah; against God's will. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

30. (a) Angels: hold the record of one's deeds; Guardians of Hell; will throw unbelievers into the fire. Jinn: Having free will, some will be saved and some go to Hell. 8
- (b) The belief that actions have consequences in the Hereafter will encourage people to act as they ought - elaboration. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

## SECTION 5: Personal and Social Relationships and Problems

### Part (a): Home and family relationships

31. (a) See I Cor 13. 8
- (b) Belief in the religious as well as legal importance of marriage might mean striving harder to save it; shared values and beliefs may mean that trouble is less likely to be deep-rooted; availability of pastoral care; etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

**(Total 20 marks)**

32. (a) (i) Parents and children living together. 8
- (ii) Several generations living together or in close community.
- (iii) A family where one parent has died, or is not resident in the family home, and where re-marriage of the parent caring for the children has not taken place.
- (iv) A legal and/or religious contract between a man and a woman which is binding for life.
- (b) Mutual care, protection, affection; socialising influence; stability; etc. but, on the other hand: lack of privacy, financial implications, restricted freedom, etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

**(Total 20 marks)**

33. (a) Any one view, explained. 8
- (b) "Playing God"; destruction of some embryos; blurring of parental definition; against Natural Law; etc. (NB religious objections). 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

**(Total 20 marks)**

### Part (b): Work, leisure, money

34. (a) Honesty; discipline; ability to fulfil obligations; lessening of temptation; idleness disapproved; etc. 8
- (b) Many possible examples: Muslims in places where alcohol is served, Jews (and others) if required to work on Shabbat; most believers if dishonesty/ immorality required. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

**(Total 20 marks)**

35. (a) Any sensible suggestions. Likely to include reading, study, sport, charitable activity, etc. 8
- (b) Refusal to face responsibility; missing opportunity to do good (to oneself/others); indiscipline; etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
36. (a) The teaching of one religion. In general, responsibilities to family and the poor; adumbrations to do good; concept of mankind as stewards of all good things. 8
- (b) Teaching and example of prophets and others; concept that all are God's creatures; compassion commended, etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

**Part (c): Problems of national and international relationships**

37. (a) Punishment; reform; protection of society; pour encourager les autres. 8
- (b) Generally, where the law conflicts with a religious command: eg conscription in the case of Quakers, Jehovah's Witnesses; proscription of evangelism; payment of certain taxes; unequal treatment of certain categories of person (pass laws, racial segregation). 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
38. (a) Prejudice is the unreasonable dislike of a person or group, which may be instanced in words, actions or civil law. 8
- (b) Fear of "the other"; different cultural norms/ expectations; learned behaviour (parents, society, the media); inadequate /incorrect information; etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
39. (a) Natural disaster; man-made disaster (eg industrial pollution); unfair trading arrangements; lack of education; governmental corruption; etc. 8
- (b) Any one explained. Likely candidates; Red Cross/ Crescent; Mother Theresa's Sisters of the Poor; CAFOD; etc. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

40. (a) Declared by proper authority; just cause; promotion of good/  
prevention of evil; last resort; proportionality. (Any 4) 8

(b) Buddhism: all violence forbidden because no soul should be denied  
every opportunity to progress; some Christians: turn the other  
cheek, Jesus' non-retaliation; etc. 6

(c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)



## SECTION 6: World Religions

### EITHER Part (a): Islam

41. (a) (i) There is no God but Allah/ Muhammed is his prophet.  
2 marks
- (ii) It is used in the Adhan as a reminder of the basic creed of Islam; a call to duty; an encouragement to come to prayer.  
2 marks per explanation. 8
- (b) From polytheism to monotheism; greater respect for others; better treatment of women; etc.  
2 marks per valid point. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

42. (a) Ablution (wudu); purity of body; purity of clothing; purity of the surface; proper dress; declaration of intent (Niyyah); facing Mecca; announcement of Iqamah (the Adhan plus the sentence "prayer is ready" said twice).  
1 mark per point. 8
- (b) Assistance to the poor; discipline; sacrifice; brotherhood; sympathy; etc.  
2 marks per benefit explained. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

43. (a) Abraham's sacrifice of a sheep in place of his son Ishmael.  
1 mark for each correct point from the story. 8
- (b) Similarities: celebration of the service of God; thanksgiving; remembrance; victory over evil; harvest day; day of forgiveness; day of peace; special prayers; exchange of gifts.
- Differences: Animal sacrifice at Id ul Fitr.  
1 mark per point. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

44. (a) Qiblah; calligraphy; geometric decoration; the dome; pulpit; carpets; washing facilities. 8
- (b) Opportunity for congregational worship; presence of imam; centre of community life; place of witness. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

45. (a) Men and women in different rooms; explanation of contract (including non-refundable dowry; messages of consent. 8
- (b) Assurance of good character of partner; protection from emotional harm/physical temptation; goodwill from all concerned guaranteed; etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

46. (a) Any four, with explanation: obedience to God; physical health; etc. 8
- (b) Haram is forbidden, unsuitable, unclean: hence any sinful behaviour is haram. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

**OR Part (b): Judaism**

47. (a) (i) To be treated with consideration and respect.
- (ii) (ii) To be treated kindly and humanely. 8
- (b) Gives guidance on all moral issues (when interpreted, if necessary). 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

48. (a) The good will be rewarded; the bad punished; the Messiah will come; the dead will be resurrected. 8  
2 marks per point.
- (b) Need for ethical behaviour; belief in ultimate justice; etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

49. (a) Careful judgement; keeping the law; studying Torah; worship; pious action; heeding the wise; charity; study; avoiding gossip; judge others as one would wish to be judged; avoid bad company; tell the truth; honest labour; cheerful demeanour. 8  
1 mark per quality.
- (b) By explaining and applying Jewish law and scholarship within a particular situation; by encouragement; by advice; by pastoral care. 6  
2 marks per explanation.
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

50. (a) Candles; wine; matzot; kiddush; four questions; salt water; charoset; bitter herbs; carpas; bone and egg.  
1 mark per item. 8
- (b) 2 marks per explanation. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

51. (a) Fasting; rabbi; chuppah; birchat eirusin; ketubah; ring; birchat nisuin; yichud; shiva brachot.  
1 mark per point. 8
- (b) Chuppah emphasises togetherness; ketubah states the husband's duties; giving of ring is accompanied by statement of monogamous sanctification; presence of family members emphasises the importance of continuing family life; etc.  
2 marks per point explained. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

52. (a) Any two, explained. 8
- (b) Repentance; community; discipline; distinction from pagans. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

**OR Part (c): Aspects of four world religions**

53. (a) Any accurate features described. 8
- (b) Priests (but not ministers or rabbis) are necessary mediators; all are knowledgeable about their respective tradition, law, ethics; all have pastoral duties; rabbis (but not priests and ministers) have legal authority. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

54. (a) Readings; as basis for sermon/address; in prayer; in hymns; etc. 8
- (b) Cleanliness; dress; posture; etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6

(Total 20 marks)

55. (a) Accept pancakes (question says “associated”); imposition of ashes; fasting; increased prayer; study; etc. 8
- (b) Any one explained. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
56. (a) Normal rules of dress, including coverage; non-transparency; no shoes; to show respect. 8
- (b) Any three explained. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
57. (a) Social centre; for rites of passage; for study; for advice from imam or rabbi; etc. 8
- (b) Community meetings; educational centre; etc. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
58. (a) Praise; adoration; thanksgiving; repentance; intercession; petition; communication with deity; etc. 8
- (b) God is: Almighty; the God of Israel; the only God. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
59. (a) Any four relevant examples. 8
- (b) Any two uses explained. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**
60. (a) Blessing on Torah; reading from Torah; tephilin; friends and family present; baruch shepatrani; sermon; declaration of intent; celebration (kiddush). 8
- (b) Any one explained. 6
- (c) Quality of answer. 6
- (Total 20 marks)**

## SECTION 7

### EITHER Part (a): Buddhism

61. (a) Royal background; marriage; fatherhood; Four Sights; asceticism; middle way. **8**
- (b) Insight to truth; release from ignorance. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
62. (a) (i) Earning one's living honestly; avoiding sinful occupation; fulfilling responsibilities through striving. **8**
- (ii) Being able to concentrate properly in meditation; ability to empty the mind of irrelevance; receptiveness to truth.
- (b) Absorption into Ultimate reality; escape from the cycle of reincarnation; loss of ego. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
63. (a) (i) Proper care of dependants; including the elderly; education of children; moral and other guidance. **8**
- (ii) Charity to monks, especially during rains retreat. Look for detail.
- (b) Presence at rites of passage; education; opportunity to earn grace; etc. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
64. (a) Removal of shoes; hands together; prostration; offering; recitation of three refuges and five precepts; mantras; meditation; teaching. **8**
- (b) Pilgrimage not obligatory; therefore motivations various and of differing strengths. **6**
- (c) Quality of answer. **6**
- (Total 20 marks)**
65. (a) Awakened / enlightened ones who have become one with the highest objects of knowledge, Supreme Truth. They choose to reincarnate in order to teach others. There have been many Buddhas in the past and there will be others in future. **8**
- (b) Not only to teach, but to personify, Truth. **6**

- (c) Quality of answer. 6  
(Total 20 marks)

66. (a) Reward any sensible explanations of main features. 8  
(b) Any relevant differences sensibly explained. 6  
(c) Quality of answer. 6  
(Total 20 marks)

**OR Part (b): Hinduism**

67. (a) The Vedas consist of hymns and teachings; are older than the Upanishads; based on oral tradition; Upanishads are more meditative; give prominence to different gods; focus upon the atman/Brahman relationship. 8  
(b) Extracts are used in prayer, meditation, hymns. 6  
(c) Quality of answer. 6  
(Total 20 marks)

68. (a) (i) Physical and mental exercise designed to discipline mind and body. Non-violence, chastity, truthfulness and the avoidance of greed are necessary for the yogi(ni). 8  
(ii) Loving devotion to a personal god. Puja, hymns, story-telling, drama, pilgrimage, celebration of festivals are key. 8  
(b) Reward any sensible applications. 6  
(c) Quality of answer. 6  
(Total 20 marks)

69. (a) (i) Marriage is within the caste. 8  
(ii) Employment opportunities are determined by caste. 8  
(b) Varna: Untouchables. Below the caste system. No longer a legally-recognised term. 6  
Jati: a caste (of which there are four). 6  
(c) Quality of answer. 6  
(Total 20 marks)

70. (a) Body is washed; dressed; carried to cremation ground; in procession; led by eldest son (if possible); who walks three times round pyre; pours holy water over body; lights flame; pronounces extract from Baghavad Gita. 8  
(b) Credit either Naming or Sacred Thread. 6

	(c) Quality of answer.	6
		<b>(Total 20 marks)</b>
71.	(a) Bell-rope; shrine room; statue; havan; arti.	8
	(b) Credit any accurate and relevant knowledge.	6
	(c) Quality of answer.	6
		<b>(Total 20 marks)</b>
72.	(a) At shrine; statue; flowers; incense; candle; ghee; offering; mantras; silent meditation.	8
	(b) Correct frame of mind; reminder of importance of worship; and of sanctity of home and family; etc.	6
	(c) Quality of answer.	6
		<b>(Total 20 marks)</b>

# **RELIGIOUS STUDIES 7560, CHIEF EXAMINER'S REPORT**

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## **General Comments**

Overall, the standard of scripts was encouraging. There were fewer rubric offences than in some previous years, but still too many for comfort. Those candidates who did not achieve high marks usually penalised themselves through rubric offences or by not reading the question carefully and thus not giving relevant answers. On the whole however, the scripts gave evidence of competent teaching and conscientious learning and candidates appear to have been well-prepared and conscientiously taught.

## **Section 1**

In Section 1, part (a) was the preferred option. A small number of candidates answered questions from parts (a) and (b), thus committing a rubric offence which inevitably reduced their final grade.

Question 1 was well answered in the main, but candidates were less able to deal with the significance of the covenant today. The ongoing practice of circumcision was usually mentioned, but answers rarely went beyond this. In part (c), many candidates adduced evidence that God keeps His promises without necessarily addressing the thrust of the question.

Question 2 was almost universally well answered and a popular choice.

Question 3 was also very popular, but a large number of candidates confused Potiphar and Pharaoh, so Joseph was variously alleged to have been libelled by the wife of Pharaoh - a woman of blameless reputation, so far as is known!

Question 4 evoked very vague and general answers about Moses' dealings with the Pharaoh of his time, and also caused some candidates to comment upon Jesus' (or Rabbi Hillel's) summary of the Law rather than two of the Ten Commandments, as required.

The few candidates who answered Question 5 were obviously very familiar with the material and coped with it well.

Question 6 was fairly popular and caused few problems except for part (c), where the thrust of the question was not always understood.

Part (b) of Section 1 attracted few candidates. Those who did attempt this section seem to have been well prepared.

## **Section 2**

Section 2 was popular, as always, and again candidates were generally well prepared.

In Question 13, a minority of candidates referred to Jesus being found in the Temple at age 13 rather than to His presentation after birth. Few candidates were explicit about the fact that Mary and Joseph were orthodox and obedient Jews, and in many cases there was little explicit linking between the prophecies and Jesus' later ministry.



Question 14 was almost always well answered.

In Question 15, knowledge of the story was almost uniformly excellent. However, few candidates realised that it was the faith of the man's friends which was crucial to the healing.

Questions 16, 17 and 18 presented few problems to those candidates who chose them.

### **Section 3**

Section 3 was less popular than Section 2 but appeared to present few difficulties for candidates.

### **Section 4**

Section 4 was a less popular option than Section 6 part (a), but again appeared to present few problems.

### **Section 5**

Section 5 produced, as usual, a number of rubric offences which inevitably affected the candidates' final grades.

Question 31 was popular, and most candidates evinced a touching belief in the value of marriage.

In Question 32(b), most candidates suggested that disadvantages only occurred where a marriage broke up, usually because of drunkenness or violence. More perceptive candidates realised that family life reduced freedom and impinged upon personal privacy. As with Question 31, a romantic view of the benefits of children tended to be adopted.

Question 33 was less popular but usually handled competently.

Question 34 caused problems for a number of candidates who did not understand the thrust of part (c), although parts (a) and (b) presented little difficulty.

Similarly, in Question 35, the import of "will" in part (c) was not always appreciated.

Question 36 was less popular but usually handled competently.

In Section 5 part (c), Questions 37, 38 and 39 were the most popular and usually handled without difficulty.

Question 40 was chosen by very few candidates.

### **Section 6**

Section 6 part (a) enjoyed its usual popularity.

Question 41 attracted few answers, but most of those showed careful preparation and at least adequate knowledge.

Question 42 was very popular, with many candidates going into enormous detail about the ablution. Candidates should remember they are not required to write pages and pages in order to obtain 8 marks! However, able candidates achieved highly on this question and the time they may have wasted did not appear to prevent them completing the paper well.

Most candidates also did well on Question 43, although some described Id-ul-Adha itself rather than answering the question set.

Questions 44, 45 and 46 were all popular and usually well answered. A number of candidates did assert, without adducing evidence, that women were inevitably unfulfilled without marriage and children. Candidates should be reminded that they must give reasons for their views.

Few, if any, candidates attempted parts (b) or (c) of Section 6.

### Section 7

Section 7 was similarly unpopular.

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Grade	A	B	C	D	E
Lowest mark for award of grade	69	61	53	48	43

**Note:** Grade boundaries may vary from year to year and from subject to subject, depending on the demands of the question paper.

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