

**Victorian Certificate of Education
2016**

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STUDENT NUMBER Letter

RELIGION AND SOCIETY
Written examination

Monday 14 November 2016

Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)

Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
A	5	5	20
B	2	2	40
C	3	1	20
			Total 80

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 20 pages.
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.

SECTION A

Instructions for Section A

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (4 marks)

Outline **two** ways in which religious beliefs create meaning for believers.

Question 2 (4 marks)

Outline **two** ways in which religious symbols relate to religious beliefs.

Question 3 (4 marks)

Explain why adaptation to new circumstances might contribute to the maintenance of continuity of religious beliefs.

Question 4 (4 marks)

Explain the relationship between significant life experiences and religious beliefs generally.

Question 5 (4 marks)

Outline **two** reasons why a vision for society is important to religious traditions generally.

SECTION B**Instructions for Section B**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (20 marks)

a. Explain **two** reasons for the maintenance of continuity of religious beliefs.

4 marks

b. Define three of the following practices for maintaining continuity of religious beliefs:

- new application
- reaffirmation
- reformulation
- reinterpretation

6 marks

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Question 2 (20 marks)

- a. Identify **three** different ways in which religious traditions generally respond to challenging contemporary issues.

6 marks

For **parts b., c. and d.** you must choose the same religious tradition.

- b. Explain the vision for society of a religious tradition that you have studied.

4 marks

- c. Discuss the impact on the religious tradition of the responses it made to a contemporary issue. 6 marks

- d. Discuss the impact on the wider society of the responses made by the religious tradition to the contemporary issue used in **part c**. 4 marks

SECTION C – Essay**Instructions for Section C**

Answer **one** of the following questions in the space provided.

Question 1 (20 marks)

Discuss how beliefs about an ultimate reality influence understanding of self, of others and of the world, and explain how these beliefs about an ultimate reality find expression in the way people practise their religion.

In your response, refer to **at least one** religious tradition that you have studied.

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

Discuss how the religious beliefs of a particular individual or group influence their encounter with a significant life experience and how this significant life experience of the individual or group influences understanding of their religious beliefs.

In your response, refer to **at least one** religious tradition that you have studied.

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

Analyse the response by a religious tradition to a significant historical challenge and discuss the effect of this response on that religious tradition and on that religious tradition's relationship with the wider society.

In your response, refer to **at least one** religious tradition that you have studied.

