

**Victorian Certificate of Education  
2019**

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STUDENT NUMBER           Letter

## RELIGION AND SOCIETY

### Written examination

**Monday 18 November 2019**

**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	30
B	5	5	50
			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)**

Why are significant life experiences important in the search for meaning?

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**Question 2** (5 marks)

Explain the connection between stances and supporting responses in relation to religions when religions address significant challenges.

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**Question 3** (5 marks)

What has your study of significant challenges shown about the interaction over time between religious traditions and the societies of which they are a part?

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**Question 4** (7 marks)

a. Explain how rituals contribute to the search for meaning.

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b. Describe **one** ritual from a religious tradition or denomination that you have studied to show how rituals contribute to the search for meaning.

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**Question 5** (9 marks)



a. What understanding of ultimate reality is suggested by this image?

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- b. Explain the extent to which the understanding of ultimate reality suggested by the image on page 6 reflects the beliefs about ultimate reality of **one** religious tradition or denomination that you have studied.

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## SECTION B

### Instructions for Section B

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

#### Question 1 (10 marks)

Discuss the extent to which there are variations in the stances and supporting responses of **one** religious tradition or denomination to significant challenges that you have studied. Draw on relevant sources to support your response.

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**Question 2** (12 marks)

Select one religious tradition or denomination that you have studied. Use your selected religious tradition or denomination when responding to all parts of Question 2.

Religious tradition or denomination \_\_\_\_\_

- a. In this religious tradition or denomination, what is believed about the relationship between ultimate reality and humanity? Draw on relevant sources to support your response. 4 marks

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- b. In this religious tradition or denomination, what is believed about the relationship between humans and the rest of the natural world? Draw on relevant sources to support your response. 4 marks

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- c. Explain the connection between the beliefs described in **part a.** and **part b.** Draw on relevant sources to support your response.

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**Question 3 (10 marks)**

‘The best approach to dealing with the ups and downs of life is to keep one’s religious beliefs unchanged.’

To what extent is the approach referred to in the statement above used by a person you have studied in the interaction between their religious beliefs and a significant life experience? Draw on relevant sources to support your response.

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**Question 4** (10 marks)

Analyse how particular aspects of religion were involved in your detailed study of a significant challenge to a religious tradition or denomination. Draw on relevant sources to support your response.

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**Question 5** (8 marks)

‘Life has no purpose and death has no meaning.’

Respond to the statement above, referring to the beliefs of **one or more** religious traditions or denominations that you have studied. Draw on relevant sources to support your response.

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