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RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Written examination

Tuesday 14 November 2023

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

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
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 16 pages
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra space 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 (6 marks)

Outline three ways in which life experiences may be significant for religious beliefs generally.

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

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Question 2 (8 marks)

a. Explain two ways in which the aspect ‘ethics’ contributes generally to humanity’s search for meaning. 4 marks

1. _____

2. _____

b. Explain two ways in which the aspect ‘social structures’ contributes generally to humanity’s search for meaning. 4 marks

1. _____

2. _____

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Question 3 (6 marks)

a. Identify how the aspect ‘rituals’ assists in the search for meaning. 3 marks

b. Identify how the aspect ‘sacred stories’ assists in the search for meaning. 3 marks

Question 4 (4 marks)

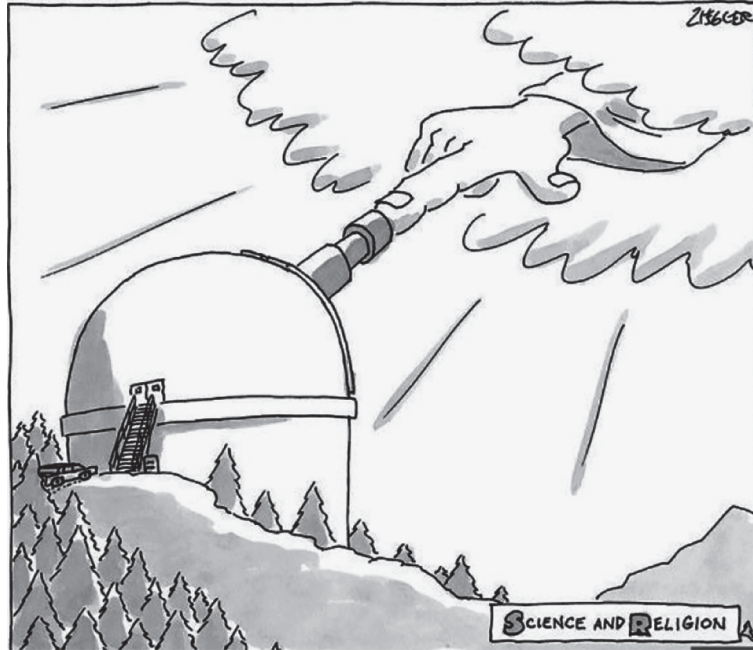
Explain two reasons why religious traditions or religious denominations generally might take a stance in support of a significant challenge.

1. _____

2. _____

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Question 5 (6 marks)



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Outline two ways in which the above cartoon of a telescope illustrates an understanding of ultimate reality in the human search for meaning.

1. _____

2. _____

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SECTION B

Instructions for Section B
Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (12 marks)

- a. Identify a challenge to theology experienced by a religious tradition or religious denomination that you have studied. 2 marks

- b. Discuss why particular stance(s) were taken to address the challenge outlined in **part a.** by the same religious tradition or religious denomination referred to in **part a.** 6 marks

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- c. Outline the supporting responses taken as a result of the stance(s) discussed in **part b.** 4 marks

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The challenge used in Question 3 must be different from the challenge used in Question 1, parts a., b. and c.

Question 3 (10 marks)

‘A challenge always has some effect on shaping a tradition’s future, even if it takes time for the effect to develop.’

Analyse to what extent this statement represents what happened in the significant challenge to a religious tradition or religious denomination that you have studied in detail. Use relevant sources to support your response.

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Question 4 (10 marks)

'Beliefs can be tested by significant life experiences; however, faith can protect an individual's beliefs.'

Examine the extent to which the above statement applies to the significant life experience of a member of a religious tradition or religious denomination that you have studied. Use relevant sources to support your response.

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