RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Written examination

Tuesday 19 November 2002

Reading time: 1.30 pm to 1.45 pm (15 minutes)
Writing time: 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION BOOK

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Materials supplied
- One or more script books.

Instructions
- Write your student number on the cover(s) of the script book(s).
- Respond to these questions from one or more religious tradition(s) you have studied.
- All written responses must be in English.

At the end of the examination
- Place all other used script books inside the front cover of the first script book.
- You may keep this question book.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other electronic communication devices into the examination room.
SECTION A – Short-answer questions

Instructions for Section A
Answer all questions in the script book(s) provided.

Question 1
Based on your study of a religious tradition, answer two of the following.

a. Why do humans exist?
b. Where did the universe come from?
c. What is the relationship between human beings and a higher being?
d. What is the relationship between human beings and the natural world?

4 + 4 = 8 marks

Question 2
Describe how a particular religious belief is expressed through two aspects of a religious tradition.

6 marks

Question 3
Does the response of a religious tradition to challenge always influence the tradition’s relationship to the wider society? Give reasons for your answer.

6 marks
Total 20 marks

END OF SECTION A
SECTION B – Essay

Instructions for Section B
Answer one question in the script book(s) provided.

Question 4
‘Religious traditions have to deal with the problem of maintaining belief in a higher being alongside the harsh realities of human life.’
How has the religious tradition you have studied dealt with this problem?

40 marks

OR

Question 5
‘Beliefs need to change if they are to survive.’
Discuss whether this is true for a religious tradition you have studied.

40 marks

END OF SECTION B

SECTION C – Essay

Instructions for Section C
Answer one question in the script book(s) provided.

Question 6
‘Beliefs play an important role in the lives of individuals and groups.’
How important are the religious beliefs of a tradition you have studied to the efforts of individuals or groups in creating an ideal human society?

40 marks

OR

Question 7
In what ways has a religious tradition you have studied changed in response to a significant challenge from inside or from outside the tradition?

40 marks

END OF SECTION C
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## Assessment Criteria

The examination will address all of the criteria. All students will be examined against each criterion.

1. relevance to the question
2. knowledge of the beliefs of a religious tradition
3. understanding of the way beliefs are expressed within a religious tradition
4. understanding of the interaction of beliefs with individuals and groups in a religious tradition and society
5. knowledge of the impact of beliefs on individuals and groups
6. understanding of the continuity and change within a religious tradition
7. understanding of how a religious tradition responded to a challenge
8. knowledge of religious concepts and language