RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Written examination

Tuesday 16 November 2004

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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- 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 white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied
- Question book of 4 pages, including Assessment criteria on page 4.
- 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
In the religious tradition you have studied, identify and explain two ways in which religious traditions express beliefs to members. 

3 + 3 = 6 marks

Question 2
Identify one challenge that has arisen in the religious tradition you have studied. Explain the main effect of that challenge on the religious tradition.

2 + 4 = 6 marks

Question 3
‘In the beginning . . .’
In the religious tradition you have studied, how could these words be completed into a statement of religious belief? Explain the religious meaning of this statement in that tradition.

2 + 6 = 8 marks

Total 20 marks

END OF SECTION A
SECTION B – Essay questions

Instructions for Section B

Answer one question in the script book(s) provided.

Question 4
In religious traditions, understandings of core beliefs must sometimes be brought up to date. Discuss how far this statement applies to the continuity and to the development of a belief in a religious tradition you have studied. As part of your discussion, consider the internal and external factors that influence the development of this belief.

40 marks

OR

Question 5
Why do people believe? Discuss this question with reference to significant life experiences of a particular individual or group you have studied.

40 marks

END OF SECTION B

SECTION C – Essay questions

Instructions for Section C

Answer one question in the script book(s) provided.

Question 6
‘If it isn’t broken, don’t fix it.’ Discuss the extent to which this statement describes the various ways in which religious traditions respond to significant challenges.

40 marks

OR

Question 7
With reference to the actions of an individual or group from a religious community you have studied, discuss the degree to which beliefs have the power to influence change in society.

40 marks

END OF SECTION C
### 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