REligion and society

written examination

Tuesday 15 November 2005
Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)
Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

question book

structure of 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 unauthorised electronic 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
What makes a religious belief a core belief?
Support your explanation with an example.

2 + 2 = 4 marks

Question 2
‘For a little while we just are. Then we aren’t.’
Based upon your study of the beliefs of a particular religious tradition, briefly explain this quotation.

8 marks

Question 3
Briefly demonstrate how the beliefs of a religious tradition you have studied are reflected in its vision of society.

8 marks
Total 20 marks

END OF SECTION A
Question 4
‘Testing times test our beliefs.’
Discuss this statement in relation to the development of a particular belief of a religious tradition you have studied.

40 marks

OR

Question 5
‘Testing times test our beliefs.’
Discuss this statement in relation to the experiences of an individual or group within a religious tradition you have studied.

40 marks

OR

Question 6
How are beliefs about a higher being communicated to members of a religious tradition 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 7
‘Religious belief leads to action.’
To what extent is this statement true of an individual or group in a religious tradition you have studied?

40 marks

OR

Question 8
In a religious tradition you have studied, discuss the response of that tradition to a specific challenge in its religious and socio-historical context.

40 marks

END OF SECTION C
TURN OVER
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