

**Victorian Certificate of Education
2018**

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STUDENT NUMBER Letter

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Written examination

Monday 19 November 2018

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	6	6	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.

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SECTION A**Instructions for Section A**

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

Question 1 (6 marks)

- a.** Define the aspect 'sacred stories'. 1 mark

- b.** Define the aspect 'texts'. 1 mark

- c.** Explain the roles of these two aspects in religion. 4 marks

Question 2 (6 marks)



Source: Michael Leunig, @leunigcartoons on Twitter

a. What does this cartoon suggest about the human search for meaning? 2 marks

- b. Drawing on your response to **part a.**, to what extent does the cartoon reflect the approach of religion to the human search for meaning?

4 marks

Question 3 (5 marks)

How might significant life experiences influence people’s engagement with and adherence to religion?

Question 4 (4 marks)

Explain why religion generally might take a stance of indifference when faced with a significant challenge.

Question 5 (6 marks)

Select **two** aspects of religion and explain their general role in how religion may respond to challenges.

Question 6 (3 marks)

'For a large part of human history, religion has been a truth narrative.'

What is the meaning of 'truth narrative' in the statement above?

SECTION B

Instructions for Section B

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

Question 1 (8 marks)

Analyse how the aspect 'symbols' and 'times' in the aspect 'spaces, places, times and artifacts' nurture meaning. In your response, refer to **one or more** religious beliefs from **one or more** religious traditions or denominations you have studied.

Question 2 (10 marks)

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

Religious tradition or denomination _____

- a. Describe **one** religious belief related to ultimate reality and **one** religious belief related to the relationship between humans. 4 marks

- b. Analyse the connection between the beliefs described in **part a.** in the search for meaning. 6 marks

b. How did the individual in **part a.** interpret their significant life experience and how did the religious beliefs of this individual influence their interpretation?

6 marks

Question 5 (10 marks)

Select **another** challenge you have studied. The challenge must be different from the one selected in Question 4. You may use any religious tradition or denomination you have studied when responding to Question 5.

Religious tradition or denomination _____

Challenge _____

To what extent did the stances adopted by this religious tradition or denomination in response to this challenge influence the challenge itself?
