

RELIGION AND SOCIETY Written examination

Tuesday 16 November 2021

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						
А	4	4	30						
В	5	5	50						
			Total 80						

Structure of book

- 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

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b.	Explain three different ways in which religious beliefs contribute to the human search for meaning.	6 marks
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Question 2 (6 marks)

Explain the relationship between religious beliefs and **two** different types of religious texts.

Question 3 (8 marks)

Outline and explain two different sources of challenges to religious traditions.

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Question 4 (8 marks)

Explain four different reasons why religious traditions may take a stance against a significant challenge.

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SECTION B

Instructions for Section B

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

Question 1 (10 marks)



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a. What understanding of ultimate reality is suggested by this cartoon?

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Discuss the extent to which the understanding of ultimate reality suggested by this cartoon is b. reflected in the beliefs about ultimate reality of a religious tradition or denomination that you have studied. 7 marks

SECTION B – continued TURN OVER

Question 2 (10 marks)

'Beliefs are intended to achieve their full meaning when they are expressed through the other aspects of religion.'

Referring to **one** belief of a religious tradition or denomination that you have studied, explain how the aspect of 'spaces, places, times and artifacts' contributes to the belief achieving its full meaning. Use relevant sources to support your response.

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Question 3 (10 marks)

'You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.'

Source: Maya Angelou, Letter to My Daughter, Virago Press, London, 2009, p. x

a. Explain the meaning of the statement above with reference to significant life experiences and religious beliefs. 4 marks

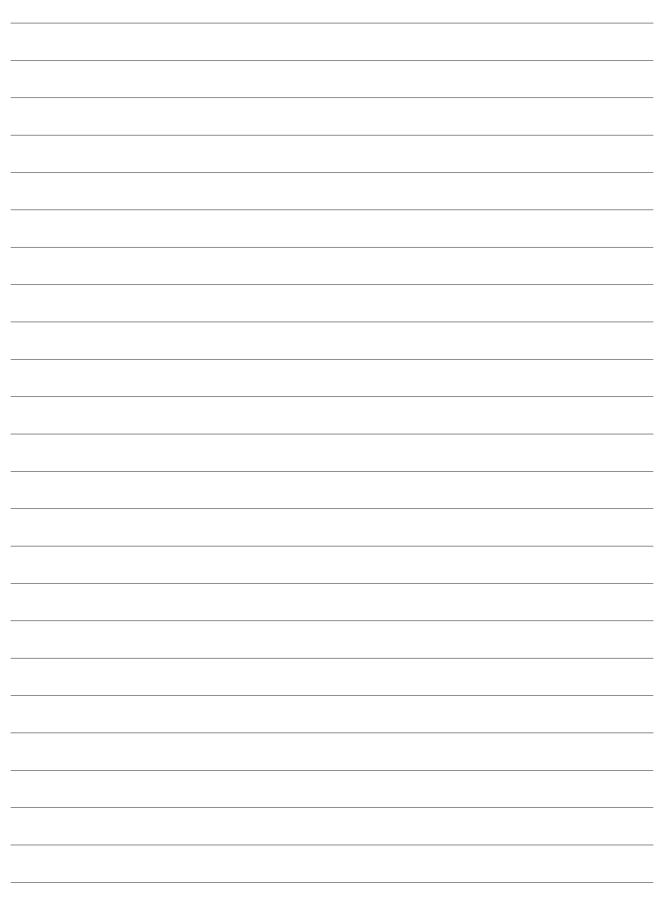
b. Discuss the extent to which the statement on page 10 accurately describes the impact of a significant life experience on the understanding of the religious beliefs of a member of a religious tradition or denomination that you have studied.

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Question 4 (10 marks)

Outline an example of a challenge to ethics faced by a religious tradition or denomination that you have studied and explain why this challenge was or is significant for the religious tradition. Use relevant sources to support your response.

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The challenge used in Question 5 must be different from the challenge used in Question 4.

Question 5 (10 marks)

'The stances and supporting responses taken by religious traditions to challenges are often seen as resisting change and defending the existing way in which the religion operates and understands itself.'

To what extent does the statement above reflect the aims of the stances and the supporting responses of a religious tradition or denomination to a challenge that you have studied in detail? Use relevant sources to support your response.

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Extra space for responses

Clearly number all responses in this space.

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