



Victorian Certificate of Education 2002

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

Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>	<i>Suggested times (minutes)</i>
A	3	3	20	30
B	2	1	40	45
C	2	1	40	45
			Total 100	120

- 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

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

END OF QUESTION BOOK

