



Victorian Certificate of Education 2003

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Written examination

Tuesday 18 November 2003

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

Name a core belief of a religious tradition you have studied. **Why** is this core belief essential to this religious tradition?

6 marks

Question 2

Name a particular event **or** movement **or** issue that has significantly challenged a religious tradition you have studied. **Why** was this a significant challenge for that religious tradition?

6 marks

Question 3

What is the **relationship** between belief and ritual in a religious tradition you have studied?

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

‘Core beliefs of religious traditions encourage growth and change in human beings.’

Discuss this statement, using your study of the life experience of an individual **or** group belonging to a religious tradition you have studied.

40 marks

OR

Question 5

‘The greatest restriction to the development of religious beliefs within a religious tradition is the fear of change.’

Discuss the **extent** to which this statement is true for a core belief(s) 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 6

Discuss how the **love of God** and **concern for others** are expressed in a vision of human community that has been developed by individuals **or** groups in a religious tradition you have studied.

40 marks

OR

Question 7

Resilience: – *the ability to recover from or adjust to unexpected change or disturbance.*

(Australian Oxford Pocket Dictionary)

Using the above definition, discuss the **resilience** of a religious tradition you have studied, when it has been confronted by a significant challenge.

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

