



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

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

