

External Assessment 2024

STUDIES OF RELIGION

REL315124

Pages: 8

Questions: 9

Answer Booklets: 3

Preparation time for this exam: 15 minutes

Suggested working time: 3 hours

Instructions:

- There are **three (3)** sections to this exam paper.
- You must answer **one (1)** question from **each section** in **essay form**:
 - **Section A** – answer **one (1)** question
 - **Section B** – answer **one (1)** question
 - **Section C** – answer **one (1)** question.
- Write your answers for each question in a **separate answer booklet** and write the question number you are answering on the front cover of each booklet.
- The exam is **three (3) hours** in length. The suggested working time for each section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
- All answers must be written in **English**.
- You **must** make sure your answers address the listed criteria.

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Guide to Exam Structure

		Questions available	Questions to answer	Suggested working time	Marks available
Section	A	2	1	60 minutes	All criteria are assessed using extended ratings of A+ to z rating
Section	B	2	1	60 minutes	
Section	C	5	1	60 minutes	
Totals		9	3	180 minutes (3 hours)	

Criteria

You **must** make sure your answers address:

- Criterion 1 select and apply communication skills and strategies for specific purposes, contexts and audiences
- Criterion 3 analyse religious beliefs and practices
- Criterion 6 analyse a variant within a religious tradition
- Criterion 7 analyse how a religious tradition responds to contemporary religious issues
- Criterion 8 analyse points of view within religious traditions.

Section A

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section in a **separate answer booklet**.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 1, 3 and 6**.
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Question 1

“Religion should adapt and change to suit the modern world.”

How might adherents of variants within a religious tradition you have studied respond to this statement? Analyse differences in doctrine or practice that might lead to differences in response as well as cooperation or conflict between variants.

OR

Question 2



Figure 1

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How might responses to this cartoon differ between adherents of different variants within a religious tradition you have studied. Analyse similarities and differences between the potential responses from these adherents, and how these might lead to cooperation or conflict.

Section B – Contemporary Issues

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section in a **separate answer booklet**.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - Students who answer **Question 3** in this section of the exam **cannot** then answer **Question 6** in Section C.
 - Students who answer **Question 4** in this section of the exam **cannot** then answer **Question 7** in Section C.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 1, 3 and 7**.
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Question 3 – Religious response to suffering

Drawing on the beliefs, values and practices of the second religious tradition you have studied, briefly outline how adherents of the tradition are advised to understand suffering and respond to it. In your essay, analyse conclusions that might be drawn about this approach to suffering.

OR

Question 4 – Religious response to an ethical issue

Drawing on the beliefs, values and practices of the second religious tradition you have studied, briefly outline how adherents of the tradition might respond to an ethical issue. In your essay, analyse conclusions that might be drawn about this response and the reasons for it.

Section C

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section in a **separate answer booklet**.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - Students who answered **Question 3** in Section B **cannot** answer **Question 6** in this section.
 - Students who answered **Question 4** in Section B **cannot** answer **Question 7** in this section.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 1, 3 and 8**.
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Question 5 – The place of women in religion

Explain and analyse different perspectives on the role of women that might exist within a religious tradition you have studied. Draw on your teacher guided depth study, your independent research, plus primary and secondary sources in your response.

OR

Question 6 – Contemporary war or conflict (only if you have not answered Question 3)

Explain and analyse the different perspectives on war or conflict that might exist within a religious tradition you have studied. Draw on your teacher guided depth study, your independent research, plus primary and secondary sources in your response.

OR

Question 7 – Contemporary ethical issue (only if you have not answered Question 4)

Explain and analyse the different views on an ethical issue that might exist within a religious tradition you have studied. Draw on your teacher guided depth study, your independent research, plus primary and secondary sources in your response.

OR

Question 8 – Faith and science

Explain and analyse the different views on the challenge brought by science and scientific endeavour that might exist within a religious tradition you have studied. Draw on your teacher guided depth study, your independent research, plus primary and secondary sources in your response.

OR

Question 9 – Aboriginal spirituality

Analyse the different ways that the intrinsic connection between Aboriginal spirituality and Country can be understood and explained. Draw on your teacher guided depth study, your independent research, plus primary and secondary evidence in your response.



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