

2012
Higher School Certificate
Preliminary Examination

Studies of Religion I

General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 1 hour and 30 minutes
- Write using black or blue pen
- Write your student number and/or name at the top of every page

Total Marks – 50

Section I – Pages 2–6

15 marks

- Attempt Questions 1–11
- Allow about 25 minutes for this section

Section II – Pages 7–8

15 marks

- Attempt ONE question from Questions 1–5
- Allow about 30 minutes for this section

Section III – Page 9

20 marks

- Attempt ONE question from Questions 1–5
- Allow about 35 minutes for this section
- **You must answer on a different religious tradition to that of Section II**

This paper MUST NOT be removed from the examination room

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Section I – The Nature of Religion and Beliefs**15 marks****Attempt Questions 1–11****Allow about 25 minutes for this section**

Use the multiple-choice answer sheet for Questions 1–10.

Select the alternative A, B, C or D that best answers the question and indicate your choice with a cross (X) in the appropriate space on the grid below.

	A	B	C	D
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- 1 The *Qur'an* and the *Torah* are examples of which of the following?
- (A) Rites of passage
 - (B) Divine law
 - (C) Sacred texts
 - (D) Initiation rituals
- 2 Which of the following is characteristic of an *immanent worldview*?
- (A) The belief in an indwelling divine being or power
 - (B) The belief in one god
 - (C) The belief in many gods
 - (D) The belief that god created the world but has since remained apart from it
- 3 Observe the following image.



- The above symbol is associated with which of the following?
- (A) Islam
 - (B) Buddhism
 - (C) Hinduism
 - (D) Judaism
- 4 Which of the following is true of *Aboriginal* spirituality?
- (A) A belief in a single creator god common to all Aboriginal peoples
 - (B) Aboriginal peoples' spirituality reveres the land.
 - (C) There is a focus on divine punishment upon death for sins.
 - (D) There are many Gods that live apart from the world in the heavens.

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- 5 Which of the following is true of all religion?
- (A) All religion was founded on the basis of ethics and morals.
 - (B) All religion is based on a belief in one God.
 - (C) All religion is based on a belief in multiple gods.
 - (D) All religion acknowledges the supernatural dimension.
- 6 The *Vedas* are sacred texts of which religion?
- (A) Islam
 - (B) Hinduism
 - (C) Christianity
 - (D) Judaism
- 7 *Atheism* is an example of which of the following?
- (A) A religion
 - (B) A worldview
 - (C) A lifestyle
 - (D) A belief system
- 8 The belief that God exists apart from the world is known as which of the following?
- (A) An agnostic worldview
 - (B) An immanent worldview
 - (C) A transcendent worldview
 - (D) An atheist worldview
- 9 *Padre Pio is said to have suffered the stigmata (the wounds of Christ).*
- This is an example of which of the following?
- (A) A supernatural manifestation
 - (B) A sacrament
 - (C) A rite of passage
 - (D) A supernatural punishment

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10 The belief that the truth about any deity is *unknowable* is characteristic of which of the following?

- (A) Atheism
- (B) Agnosticism
- (C) Christianity
- (D) Judaism

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Section I (continued)

Attempt Question 11

Answer the question in the space provided. This space provides guidance for the expected length of response.

Question 11 (5 marks)

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For a religion to be dynamic, the characteristics and traditions must be versatile and relevant in current society.

Justify this statement.

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Section II – Religious Tradition Study

15 marks

Attempt ONE question from Questions 1–5

Allow about 30 minutes for this section

Answer the question on your own paper or writing booklet, if provided.

Question 1 – Buddhism (15 marks)	Marks
(a) Outline the principal beliefs of Buddhism.	4
(b) Describe how puja is celebrated in the home.	5
(c) Using examples, describe how sacred texts demonstrate the principal beliefs of Buddhism.	6

AND/OR

Question 2 – Christianity (15 marks)

(a) Outline the principal beliefs of Christianity.	4
(b) Describe Christian personal prayer.	5
(c) Using examples, describe how sacred texts demonstrate the principal beliefs of Christianity.	6

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AND/OR

Question 3 – Hinduism (15 marks)

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| (a) Outline the principal beliefs of Hinduism. | 4 |
| (b) Describe how puja is celebrated in the home. | 5 |
| (c) Using examples, describe how sacred texts demonstrate the principal beliefs of Hinduism. | 6 |

AND/OR

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Question 4 – Islam (15 marks)

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| (a) Outline the principal beliefs of Islam. | 4 |
| (b) Describe the Five Pillars. | 5 |
| (c) Using examples, describe how sacred texts demonstrate the principal beliefs of Islam. | 6 |

AND/OR

Question 5 – Judaism (15 marks)

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| (a) Outline the principal beliefs of Judaism. | 4 |
| (b) Describe the importance of Shabbat. | 5 |
| (c) Using examples, describe how sacred texts demonstrate the principal beliefs of Judaism. | 6 |

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Section III – Religious Tradition Study

20 marks

Attempt ONE question from Questions 1–5

Choose a DIFFERENT Religious Tradition from the one you chose in Section II

Allow about 35 minutes for this section

Answer the question on a SEPARATE page of your own paper or new writing booklet, if provided.

Expected length of response is *approximately* 800 words or six written pages.

In your answers you will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding relevant to the question
 - incorporate significant aspects of religion to illustrate your answer
 - communicate using language and terminology appropriate to the study of religion
 - present ideas clearly in a cohesive response
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Question 1 – Buddhism (20 marks)

Explain the historical AND cultural context in which Buddhism began.

OR

Question 2 – Christianity (20 marks)

Explain the historical AND cultural context in which Christianity began.

OR

Question 3 – Hinduism (20 marks)

Discuss the civilisation of the early inhabitants of the Indus Valley AND the Vedic period.

OR

Question 4 – Islam (20 marks)

Explain the development of Islam under the leadership of the Four Rightly Guided Caliphs.

OR

Question 5 – Judaism (20 marks)

Discuss the Exodus story AND its importance in relation to the origins of Judaism.

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