



# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2010

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ORDINARY LEVEL

FRIDAY, 25 JUNE - MORNING, 9.30 to 11.30

Total Marks: 320

### *General Directions for Candidates*

CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- **TWO** QUESTIONS FROM UNIT ONE
- **TWO** QUESTIONS FROM UNIT TWO
- **ONE** QUESTION FROM UNIT THREE

YOU SHOULD SPEND APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES COMPLETING THIS UNIT.

YOU MUST ANSWER TWO OF THE FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS.

(All questions carry 40 marks each)

**SECTION A THE SEARCH FOR MEANING AND VALUES****QUESTION 1. THE SEARCH FOR MEANING**

Answer a) and b).

- a) ● THE MORAL GOOD ● THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

Outline the thinking of Socrates on **one** of the ideas listed above.

(20 marks)

- b) Explain why any **one** of Socrates' ideas was important in the development of philosophy.

(20 marks)



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**QUESTION 2. CONCEPTS OF GOD**

Answer a), b) and c)

- a) ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM

Describe the understanding of God found in **one** of the major world religions listed above. (10 marks)

- b) Compare the understanding of God outlined in part a) above with that found in **one** other major world religion that you have studied. (15 marks)

- c) Outline **one** way in which a person's behaviour could be influenced by his/her understanding of God. (15 marks)

**QUESTION 3. SPIRITUALITY**

Answer a), b) and c)

- a) Describe what is meant by the term 'spirituality'. (10 marks)

- b) Outline **one** example of the way in which an interest in spirituality can be seen in society today. (15 marks)

- c) Explain **one** reason why people in society today show an interest in spirituality. (15 marks)

## UNIT TWO

(160 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND APPROXIMATELY 60 MINUTES COMPLETING THIS UNIT.

YOU MUST ANSWER **TWO** OF THE FOLLOWING THREE SECTIONS.

(All sections carry 80 marks each)

### SECTION B CHRISTIANITY: ORIGINS AND CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSIONS

Answer a), b) and c).

a) Outline **two** characteristics of the Kingdom of God as preached by Jesus to his followers. (20 marks)

- b)
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| ●          | ●   | ●                      | ●                   | ●                             |
| CÉLI<br>DÉ | THE EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT OF<br>EARLY 19 <sup>TH</sup> CENTURY PROTESTANTISM | LIBERATION<br>THEOLOGY | LUTHER'S<br>REFORMS | THE SECOND<br>VATICAN COUNCIL |

Describe how **one** of the movements listed above set out to carry on the mission of Jesus. (30 marks)

c) Examine how the work of members in **one** Christian denomination today tries to carry on the mission of Jesus. (30 marks)

### SECTION C WORLD RELIGIONS

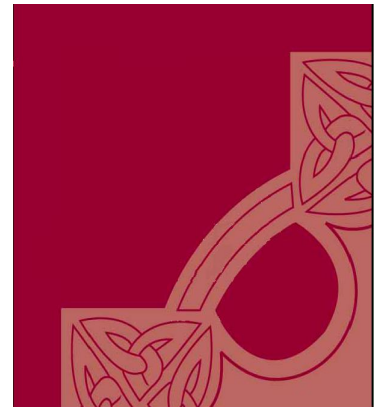
Answer a), b) and c).

a) Outline **two** of the main characteristics of primal religion. (20 marks)

b) Describe **one** example of how the influence of primal religion can be seen in a major world religion that you have studied. (30 marks)

- c) ◆ BUDDHISM ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM

Compare the way in which birth/initiation is celebrated in **one** of the major world religions listed above, with the way in which it is celebrated in *either* Christianity *or* Judaism. (30 marks)



### SECTION D MORAL DECISION-MAKING

Answer a), b) and c).

a) Outline **one** point that Jesus made about the idea of 'right relationship' in his preaching. (20 marks)

b) Explain **two** reasons why Jesus' preaching on 'right relationship' is important for Christians today. (30 marks)

c) Moral theories/philosophies express different ideas about how to decide what is right and wrong in a situation –

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|-------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ●                       | ●        | ●              | ●                      | ●              | ●                |
| DEONTOLOGICAL<br>ETHICS | HEDONISM | NATURAL<br>LAW | TELEOLOGICAL<br>ETHICS | UTILITARIANISM | VIRTUE<br>ETHICS |

Briefly outline the approach taken to deciding what is right and wrong in **two** of the moral theories/philosophies listed above. (30 marks)

## UNIT THREE

(80 marks)

YOU SHOULD SPEND APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES COMPLETING THIS UNIT.

YOU MUST ANSWER **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR SECTIONS.

(All sections carry 80 marks each)

### SECTION F ISSUES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

Answer a) and b).

- a) *A religious view of peace commits people to tackling the causes of violence.*

Outline the understanding of peace that is found in the teaching of **one** major world religion that you have studied. (30 marks)

- b) i. ● NON-VIOLENCE AS LIFESTYLE ● NON-VIOLENCE AS PROTEST

Describe what is involved in each of the forms of non-violence listed above. (20 marks)

- ii. Examine the role of *either* non-violence as lifestyle *or* non-violence as protest, in bringing peace to a violent situation that you have studied. (30 marks)



### SECTION G WORSHIP, PRAYER AND RITUAL

Answer a) and b).

- a) Outline the origins of **one** contemplative tradition that you have studied. (40 marks)

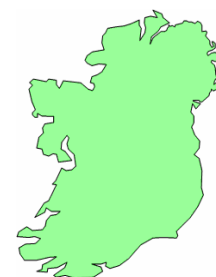
- b) Describe **one** example of the way in which contemplation is used as a form of worship today, by members of a major world religion that you have studied. (40 marks)

### SECTION I RELIGION: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE

Answer a) and b).

- a) Outline **one** way in which the pattern of religious practice in Ireland today differs from the pattern of religious practice that was seen here in the past. (40 marks)

- b) Compare the way in which religious belief is practised in Ireland today with the pattern of religious practice in another part of Europe. (40 marks)



## SECTION J RELIGION AND SCIENCE

Answer a) and b).

- a) *Religion and science have a lot in common.*  
Describe **two** points of similarity between religion and science. (20 marks)
- b) i. Outline how the term 'God of the Gaps' has been used in debates about the natural world. (20 marks)
- ii. Examine the implications of any **one** image of God that you have studied for the relationship between religion and science. (40 marks)

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