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Religion and Society

Question and Answer Book

VCE Examination – Monday 17 November 2025

- Reading time is **15 minutes**: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm
- Writing time is **2 hours**: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm

Materials supplied

- Question and Answer Book of 20 pages

Instructions

- Use the additional space at the end of this book if you need extra space to complete an answer.

Students are **not** permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.

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Section A

Instructions

- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
- Write your responses in English.

Question 1 (4 marks)

Explain the relationship between significant life experiences and religious beliefs in general.

Question 2 (7 marks)

- a.** Describe how the aspect 'symbols' assists in the search for meaning in general. 3 marks

- b.** Demonstrate how the aspect 'symbols' assists in the expression of **one** belief of a religious tradition or religious denomination. 4 marks

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Question 3 (6 marks)

Identify two stances adopted by religion generally in the face of significant challenges, and explain why each stance is taken.

Stance 1 _____

Stance 2 _____

Question 4 (7 marks)

'When a religion refers to beliefs, it is the ideas held about ultimate reality and the meaning of human existence to which it is referring.'

- a. Explain the purpose of beliefs for religion in general. 3 marks

- b. Identify **one** belief from a religious tradition or religious denomination that you have studied, and describe how it relates to the statement above. 4 marks

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Question 5 (6 marks)

Explain three reasons why religions interact with society in general.

Reason 1 _____

Reason 2 _____

Reason 3 _____

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The challenges used in Section B Question 2 must be different from the challenge used in Section B Question 4.

Question 2 (12 marks)

- a. Identify **two** challenges faced by a religious tradition or religious denomination that you have studied this year. For each challenge, outline the stances taken and the supporting responses made.

6 marks

Challenge 1 _____

Challenge 2 _____

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- b. For each challenge identified in **part a**, explain why those particular stances were taken and why those supporting responses were made.

6 marks

Challenge 1 _____

Challenge 2 _____

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