



Victorian Certificate of Education 2013

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STUDENT NUMBER

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RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Written examination

Monday 18 November 2013

Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)

Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER 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>
A	5	5	20
B	2	2	40
C	3	1	20
			Total 80

- 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 and answer book of 20 pages.
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

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

SECTION A

Instructions for Section A

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (3 marks)

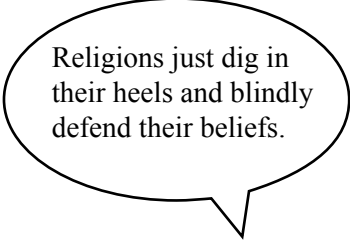
What does it mean for a religious tradition to have a vision for society?

Question 2 (3 marks)

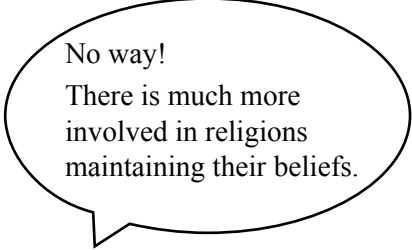
What are the characteristics that make a life experience significant in relation to people’s religious beliefs?

SECTION C – Essay**Instructions for Section C**

Answer **one** of the following questions in the space provided.

Question 1 (20 marks)

Religions just dig in their heels and blindly defend their beliefs.



No way!
There is much more involved in religions maintaining their beliefs.

Taking into account the statements above, discuss how and why a religious tradition that you have studied has maintained its religious beliefs in the face of various pressures.

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

‘Is there an ultimate reality? Or more to the point, does it matter whether there is or not?’

Discuss the viewpoint above from the perspective of **at least one** religious tradition that you have studied and with regard to individual members of the tradition.

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

‘Contemporary challenges pose major obstacles for religious traditions as they attempt to fulfil their vision for society.’

Discuss this statement in relation to a contemporary challenge in its current context that involves **at least one** religious tradition that you have studied.

