

RELIGION AND SOCIETY Written examination

Monday 20 November 2017

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

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks	
A	6	6	30	
В	5	5	50	
			Total 80	

Structure of book

- 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 correction fluid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 18 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.

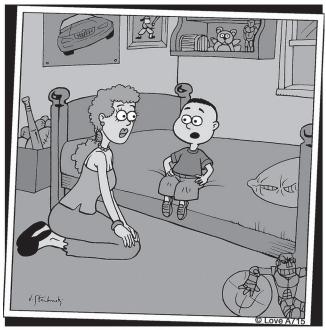
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SECTION A

Instructions for Section A

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (4 marks)



"I understand how I was born; I want to know why."

Source: Jason Love, © Love A715; CartoonStock Ltd, <www.CartoonStock.com>

Using the beliefs of **at least one** religious tradition or denomination you have studied, reply to the request of the child in this cartoon.

Question 2 (3 marks)

What makes a challenge significant for religious traditions or denominations?

Question 3 (5 marks)

Drawing on **at least one** religious tradition or denomination you have studied, explain how 'places' in the aspect 'spaces, places, times and artifacts' is intended to contribute to the search for meaning.

Question 4 (6 marks)

Define the role of each of these three aspects of religion.

•	Sacred stories
•	Social structures
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•	Spiritual experiences

Question 5 (6 marks)

Explain why **two** aspects of religion have been involved in significant challenges to **at least one** religious tradition or denomination. Use examples from your studies to support your answer.



Question 6 (6 marks)

'We know nothing about it all [God, the world]. All our knowledge is but the knowledge of schoolchildren. Possibly we shall know a little more than we do now.'

Source: Albert Einstein quoted in A Calaprice (ed.), *The Ultimate Quotable Einstein*, Princeton University Press, New Jersey, p. 344

In what ways can religion respond to this statement?

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SECTION B

Instructions for Section B

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

Question 1 (7 marks)

Discuss the relationship between the relevant beliefs of a religious tradition or denomination concerning ultimate reality and the meaning of suffering. Draw on relevant sources to support your answer.

Question 2 (8 marks)

Identify one religious tradition or denomination and one of its beliefs you have studied.

Religious tradition or denomination

Belief _____

Explain how the expression of this belief in rituals and in ethics is intended to foster meaning for members of this religious tradition or denomination.

Question 3 (15 marks)

a. Briefly describe a significant life experience of an individual in **one** religious tradition or denomination you have studied. As part of your description, explain why the experience is significant.

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c. Explain the influence of this individual's religious beliefs on their interpretation of the significant life experience described in **part a**.

4 marks

'Things may appear to change but, in reality, very little actually changes.'

Referring to **one** example of a challenge involving ethics and/or theology you have studied in detail, what evidence can you find that disagrees with or supports the statement above? Draw on relevant sources to support your answer.



Explain how **at least one** religious tradition or denomination you have studied has dealt with **one or more** challenges to its continued existence. Draw on relevant sources to support your answer.



END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

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Extra space for responses

Clearly number all responses in this space.



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An answer book is available from the supervisor if you need extra paper to complete an answer. Please ensure you write your **student number** in the space provided on the front cover of the answer book. At the end of the examination, place the answer book inside the front cover of this question and answer book.