

**Victorian Certificate of Education  
2021**

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STUDENT NUMBER           Letter

## RELIGION AND SOCIETY

### Written examination

**Tuesday 16 November 2021**

**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	4	4	30
B	5	5	50
			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 correction fluid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

#### Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 16 pages
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra space 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** (8 marks)

**a.** Define ‘religious beliefs’. 2 marks

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**b.** Explain three different ways in which religious beliefs contribute to the human search for meaning. 6 marks

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**Question 3** (8 marks)

Outline and explain two different sources of challenges to religious traditions.

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**Question 4** (8 marks)

Explain four different reasons why religious traditions may take a stance against a significant challenge.

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**Question 3** (10 marks)

‘You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.’

Source: Maya Angelou, *Letter to My Daughter*, Virago Press, London, 2009, p. x

- a. Explain the meaning of the statement above with reference to significant life experiences and religious beliefs.

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