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Junior Cycle Final Examination 2023

Religious Education

Common Level

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Instructions

There are **three** sections in this paper.

Section A	120 marks	5 questions
Section B	120 marks	5 questions
Section C	120 marks	5 questions

Answer all questions.

The questions do not all carry equal marks.

Write your answers in blue or black pen.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. There is space for extra work at the end of Section A, Section B and Section C in the booklet. Label any such extra work clearly with the question number and part.

This examination booklet will be scanned and your work will be presented to an examiner on screen. Anything that you write outside of the answer areas may not be seen by the examiner.

You must return this examination booklet at the end of the examination.

Question 1

Read the reports below and answer the question that follows.

A football manager told guests at an award ceremony –



The fact you have voted this team member ‘player of the season’ shows that you have seen his quality as a footballer. However, it is his qualities as a person that should also be highlighted. Before a match the team have only an hour to prepare from the time we arrive at a stadium. Yet this player has made time for his religious rituals and prayers part of our match-day plans ...

Olympic boxing champion Katie Taylor told a reporter that –



There are times in competitions when I have doubted myself or had a few fearful thoughts and that’s when I have to cling on to God and cling to the scriptures and to focus on what God is saying ...

Explain how the importance of religious belief in the lives of people can be seen in **each** of the above reports.

1.
2.

Question 2

(a)

A The Koran/Qur'an	B The New Testament	C The Tanakh/Tenakh
D The Tipitaka/Tripitaka	E The Vedas	

Match **one** of the above sacred texts to the religion with which it is most associated from the following list:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

Sacred Text (Write the letter below for one sacred text given above)	Religion

(b) Explain a reason why a text is sacred for members of **one** of the following religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.



Religion:
Sacred Text:

- (c) Describe an example of the way a sacred text plays a part in the lives of believers in one of the following religions:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

Religion:
Sacred Text:

Question 3

The child pictured opposite appears to trust the adult in the photograph.

- (a) Suggest one reason why the child appears to trust the adult in the photograph opposite.



- (b) Explain one reason why trust is associated with the development of a person's religious faith.

Question 4

Describe an example of how a person's beliefs can change at different stages in the development of religious faith.



Question 5

● Family

● Friends

Examine how **each** of the above can influence a person's religious faith.

Family:

Family:



Friends:

Friends:



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Question 6

Read the notice below and answer the questions that follow.

Looking for a new hobby? Join our choir!

Do you ...like to sing? ...play a musical instrument? ...share an interest with others?
If so, call into the local hall this Friday and find out for yourself the reasons why people have already joined our choir —



Being in the choir involves giving my time for practice twice a week and singing at local charity events. Getting everything ready requires a lot of work but it's so worth it! Sam

The choir has given me a chance to make friends and meet people from all walks of life. Pat

Singing and moving in rhythm with the music helps clear whatever is on my mind. Jo

The choir gives me 'time-out' for myself. Most days are busy with different things, but the music and the ideas expressed in songs make me think deeply about life. Val

(a) From your reading of the above notice, state one reason why people join this choir.

Reason:

(b) Give **one** reason why this choir can be described as a community.

Reason:

Question 7

(a)



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

Name a community of faith associated with **one** of the above religions found in Ireland today.

Religion:

Community of faith:

(b) Ideas about what is important in life can inspire the actions of members within a community of faith.

Pictured opposite are women from a community of faith offering food to people in a park.



Give **another** example of how a value could inspire the actions of members within a community of faith.

Value:

Value:

- (c) Name the moral codes most associated with **two** religions from the following list: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

1. Religion:
Moral Code:

2. Religion:
Moral Code:

- (d)** Outline what value is being expressed in **one** moral code associated with a religion from the following list:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

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Question 8



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism



Describe an example of how believers in **one** of the above religions have tried to overcome a difficulty or challenge they experienced in living according to the values of their religion.

Religion:
Difficulty or challenge:

Question 9

Read the story below about a student's experience and answer the questions that follow.

Sam was a quiet student who worked hard and tried to get on well with everyone. One day, Sam came across a group of students making fun of a younger student and calling the student names. Sam thought about what being treated this way must feel like for the younger student and wanted to tell the older group to stop. In spite of being afraid of what might happen Sam went over to the group and stood beside the younger student. The older students fell silent as Sam explained how they would not like one of themselves to be treated this way by others.



(a) State **one** difficulty that Sam faced in the situation described in the above story.

Difficulty:

- (b) From your reading of the above story, explain **one** reason why Sam decided to speak up for the young student in this situation.

Question 10

Thinking about the consequences of different actions is one stage in the process a person goes through when deciding what is right and wrong in a situation.



Outline what is involved in **another** stage of the process a person goes through in deciding what is right and wrong in a situation.

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Question 11

Read the story below and answer the question that follows.

One day as Pat was walking past a garden he noticed an elderly man planting a fruit tree and went over to chat with him. Pat asked the gardener: "How long will it take for the tree to be fully grown and bear fruit?" "About 7 years." The gardener replied. "In this garden I have found fully grown fruit trees that were planted by my grandfather before my time. Just as my grandfather planted them for me, so I am planting this tree for the people who will be here after me."



From your reading of the above story, suggest **one** reason why the gardener planted the fruit tree.

Question 12

(a) Care for the earth is encouraged in different religious teachings –

A Ahimsa	B Right Action	C Stewardship of Creation
D Tikkun Olam	E Viceregents of the Earth	

Match **one** of the above religious teachings to the religion with which it is most associated from the following list: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

Religious Teaching (Write the letter below for one religious teaching given above)	Religion

- (b) Describe an example of how care for the earth is promoted in the teaching of **one** religion from the following list:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

Religion:



Question 13

- (a) Read the report below and answer the question that follows.

After discovering that his health was failing with motor neurone disease, the Irish journalist, Charlie Bird wanted to raise awareness of the physical and mental difficulties people with the disease face on a daily basis. He decided to raise funds for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta mental health services by climbing Croagh Patrick, County Mayo in April 2022. The 'Climb with Charlie' campaign raised so much awareness about the charities involved that people took part in similar fund-raising events across Ireland and in other countries such as South Africa and Australia. Within a month the campaign raised close to 2.75 million euro for the charities involved.



From your reading of the above report, complete the following sentences using the words from the box below. One sentence has been completed as an example for you.

April 2022	Croagh Patrick	Disease	Funds	2.75 Million euro
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Charlie Bird wanted to raise awareness of motor neurone ... disease
He decided to raise ...
Charlie Bird climbed ...
'Climb with Charlie' took place in ...
Within a month the campaign raised close to ...

- (b)** Describe **another** example of how a non-religious organisation works to promote the wellbeing of all people in the world today.

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Question 14

- (a)** Croagh Patrick is a place of religious importance for a community of faith in Ireland.

Name **another** particular place in Ireland that has religious importance for a community of faith associated with one of the following religions:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

Religion:
Name of place:

- (b) Explain why a particular place in Ireland has religious importance for a community of faith.

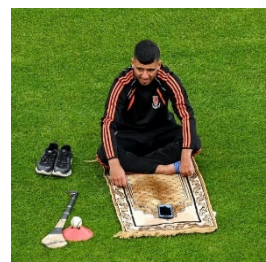
Name of Place:
Community of Faith:

Question 15

- (a) Read the account below and answer the question that follows.



I will always remember that Friday in July 2020, when because of the need for social distancing during Covid two hundred members of the Islamic community gathered in Dublin's Croke Park for the Id al-Adha festival. For me gathering in Croke Park for this festival was particularly special because I had just learned to play hurling and love taking part in sport.



As we gathered on the sport's field for Id al-Adha, I thought about the good experiences I had over that year and gave thanks to Allah for all the blessings in my life.

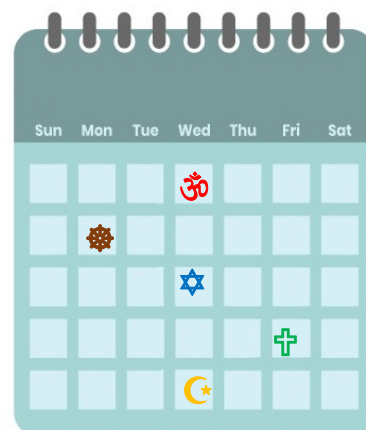
From your reading of the above account, complete the following sentences using the words from the box below. One sentence has been completed as an example for you.

Allah	Covid	Croke Park	Experiences	Id al-Adha	July 2020
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I will always remember that Friday in ... July 2020.
Because of the need for social distancing during ...
The Islamic community gathered in Dublin's ...
As we gathered on the sport's field for ...
I thought about all the good ...
Gave thanks to ...

- (b) The festival of Id al-Adha is marked each year by members of the Islamic community. Name another religious festival, that is marked at a particular time each year by members of **one** of the following religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism.

Religion:
Religious Festival:



- (c) Explain **two** reasons why the religious festival that you named in part (b) above is marked each year by members of a religion.

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