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STUDIES of RELIGION

(REL315116)

Time allowed for this paper

- Working time: 3 hours
- Plus 15 minutes recommended reading time

Pages:	8
Questions:	6

Candidate Instructions

1. You **MUST** make sure that your responses to the questions in this examination paper will show your achievement in the criteria being assessed.
2. This paper has **THREE** sections.
3. You must answer **ONE** question from each section in essay form.
4. You should spend approximately **60 minutes** on each answer.
5. Answer each section in a **separate** answer booklet.
6. All questions are of equal value.
7. All written responses must be in English.

On the basis of your performance in this examination, the examiners will provide results on each of the following criteria taken from the course statement:

Criterion 1 Uses ideas and concepts in discussing religious traditions and ethical perspectives.

Criterion 2 Structure and communicate ideas and information.

Criterion 3 Analyse religious and non-religious traditions and ethical perspectives.

Criterion 4 Use evidence to support own interpretations and religious and ethical arguments of others.

Criterion 5 Analyse the expression of religious and ethical viewpoints in society.

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SECTION A

Religious Traditions and Beliefs

Answer **ONE** question in this section.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 1, 2, 3 and 5.**

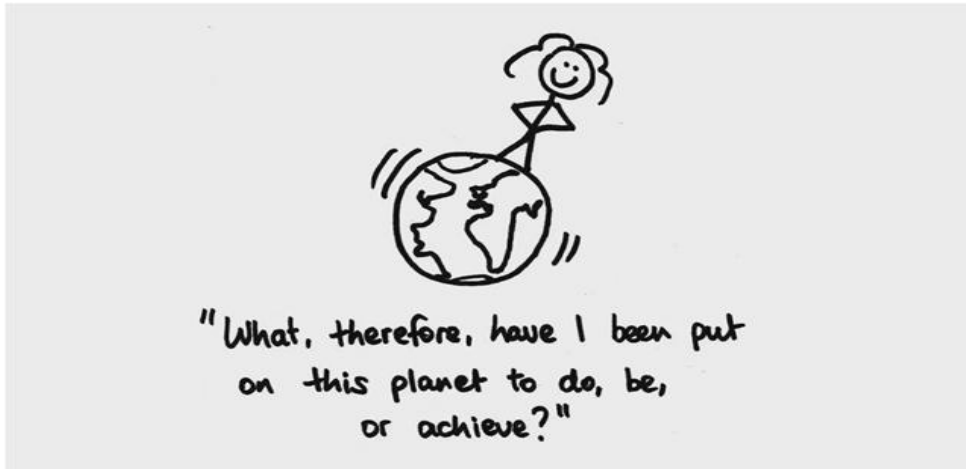
Question 1

'There is no place for religion in 21st century Australia.'

Referring to key beliefs and practices of a religious tradition you have studied, how might adherents of that tradition argue against the above claim?

Question 2

Referring to key beliefs and practices of a religious tradition you have studied, how might members of that tradition respond to the cartoon below?



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SECTION B

Significant Challenge and Change Historical and Contemporary

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

You **MUST** focus on a different religious tradition to the one you chose in Section A.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4.**

Question 3

Considering the response of a religious tradition you have studied to a **contemporary challenge**:

- **Briefly** explain the challenge, before describing and analysing how this challenge, and responses to it, are seen to have changed the tradition itself.

Question 4

Considering the response of a religious tradition you have studied to an **historical challenge**:

- **Briefly** explain the challenge and response(s) to it, before describing and analysing the effects of the response both within the religious tradition and in its relationship to the wider society and/or other religious communities.

SECTION C

Ethics and Morality

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 1, 2, 4 and 5.**

Question 5

Referring to one secular or religious approach to ethical decision making:

- How is it that **one** secular or religious approach to ethics can be interpreted in different ways when responding to important ethical issue(s)?

Question 6

Referring to a key issue in contemporary Australian society:

- What are some of the key questions raised by this issue, and how do **two** contrasting ethical approaches respond to these questions?

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