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STUDIES OF RELIGION

(REL315116)

Time recommended for this paper:

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

Pages:	8
Questions:	5

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, Section A and B in essay form and Section C in short answer format.
4. Answer each section in a separate answer booklet (3 answer booklets supplied).
5. All questions are of equal value.
6. 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 document:

Criterion 1 Use 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 in **ESSAY FORM**.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

You should spend approximately **75 minutes** on Section A.

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

Question 1

“Religious faith creates inner strength and religious practices strengthen community among individuals.”

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

OR

Question 2

“Being on a spiritual path does not prevent you from feeling times of darkness but it teaches you how to use the darkness as a tool to grow.”

Referring to the key beliefs and practices of a religious tradition you have studied, how might an adherent of your chosen religious tradition respond to the above statement?

SECTION B

Significant Challenge and Change – Historical and Contemporary

Answer **ONE** question in this section in **ESSAY FORM**.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

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

You should spend approximately **75 minutes** on Section B.

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

Question 3

Consider the response of a religious tradition you have studied to a significant **contemporary** challenge.

Briefly explain the challenge. Then, using evidence, analyse how this challenge and responses to it have impacted upon or changed the tradition itself.

OR

Question 4

Consider the response of a religious tradition you have studied to a significant **historical** challenge.

Briefly explain the challenge. Then, using evidence, analyse how this challenge and responses to it impacted upon or changed the tradition itself.

SECTION C

Ethics and Morality

Answer the question in **SHORT ANSWER** written format.

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

You should spend approximately **30 minutes** on Section C.

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

Question 5

Analyse **ONE** ethical perspective in relation to a key issue in contemporary Australian society.

a) Briefly explain the philosophical **OR** religious underpinnings of this perspective.

AND

b) Briefly discuss some of the key questions raised by the issue you have chosen.

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