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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.**

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### Question 1

*'I am a good person, I do not need to attend worship or devotion'.*

Referring to key beliefs and practices of a religious tradition you have studied – how might members of that tradition explain the relevance of the formal expression of their faith?

### Question 2

Referring to key beliefs and practices of a religious tradition you have studied – how might members of that tradition respond to their religion being identified as a 'trend'?



*Forget beards and free trade coffee.  
Religion is the new trend man!*

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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.**

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#### Question 3

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

- Briefly explain the challenge and the response(s) to it before – evaluating the response of the religious tradition to this challenge in terms of the consequences, and/or expected consequences, both **positive** and **negative**.

#### 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 – discussing whether the tradition changed for the better or worse. Support your answer with evidence from both **within** and **outside** of the tradition.

# 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.**

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### Question 5

Referring to an ethical issue of vital importance to human life:

- How might religious and non-religious ethical approaches help people to understand and respond to this issue?

### Question 6

Referring to a key issue in contemporary Australian society:

- How effectively has **one** particular religious approach to this issue contributed to public debate on this issue?

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