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

**Criterion 1**  Structure and express relevant ideas and arguments clearly.

**Criterion 2**  Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts.

**Criterion 3**  Use credible evidence and reasoned argument.

**Criterion 4**  Analyse and evaluate the significance and implications of religious viewpoints.
CANDIDATE INSTRUCTIONS

You **MUST** make sure that your responses to the questions in this examination paper will show your achievement in the criteria being assessed.

This paper has **TWO** sections.

You must answer **FOUR** questions in total in essay form — **ALL** questions from Section A and **ONE** question from Section B.

Answer each question in a **separate** booklet.

All questions are of equal weight.

All written responses must be in English.
Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

Write each answer in a separate answer booklet.

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

**Question 1 – Beliefs**

‘Only those who fear punishment will feel obliged to treat others well.’

Discuss this quote with reference to the beliefs of one religious tradition. How do these beliefs affect the way a follower of your chosen tradition would live their life?

**Question 2 – Aspects of Belief**

*In answering this question you MUST refer to a religious tradition other than the one addressed in Question 1.*

‘True religion is not about meaningless rituals; instead it values personal humility and sincere belief.’

Referring to a religious tradition and the above quote, examine **one** of the following aspects:

- sacred texts
- rituals
- structures, practices and festivals
- lived traditions.

Discuss how your chosen aspect assists and strengthens the personal and communal ‘living out’ of this religious tradition.

**Question 3 – How do we know what is right? (Ethics and Morality)**

‘The killing of others is wrong.’

Discuss the ways in which adherents of **two** ethical frameworks (religious and/or philosophical) might respond to this statement.
Answer ONE question from this section.

Write your answer in a separate answer booklet.

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

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**Question 4 - Significant Historical Challenge**

‘Historically, religious traditions offered relatively straightforward answers to some of life’s most challenging questions, over time many of these traditional ‘answers’ have been questioned and rejected.’

With reference to one historical challenge to a religious tradition, analyse the ways in which this challenge questioned established views and evaluate the response of the religious tradition to that challenge.

**Question 5 – Significant Contemporary Challenge**

Analyse and evaluate the current responses of a religious tradition to a contemporary challenge facing that particular religious tradition.

**Question 6 – Founders, Fictions and Facts**

‘Glimpses of the historical characters behind the legends about religious founders can be gathered from the sacred texts of their religious traditions.’

Referring to this quotation, show how modern scholars have both confirmed and questioned some aspects of the orthodox understanding of the life and message of the founder.

**Question 7 – How did the Universe come into Being?**

Scientific explanations regarding the origins of the Universe differ from traditional religious explanations. Is it reasonable to argue that there is truth in both types of explanation? Discuss.

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**Question 8 – Why do Humans Suffer?**

Evaluate the ways in which one theist and one non-theist’s viewpoint explain the existence of suffering and how to respond to it.

**Question 9 – Do Human Beings have a Soul?**

Explain one religious concept of ‘soul’ and one non-religious concept of ‘soul’ and evaluate the implications of these different points of view.