



NSW Education Standards Authority

2018 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Studies of Religion I

**General
Instructions**

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
- Write using black pen
- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of page 5

**Total marks:
50**

Section I – 15 marks (pages 2–5)

- Attempt Questions 1–11
- Allow about 25 minutes for this section

Section II – 15 marks (pages 7–10)

- Attempt ONE question from Questions 12–16
- You must NOT choose the same Religious Tradition in both Section II and Section III
- Allow about 30 minutes for this section

Section III – 20 marks (pages 11–12)

- Attempt ONE question from Questions 17–21
- You must NOT choose the same Religious Tradition in both Section II and Section III
- Allow about 35 minutes for this section

Section I — Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945

15 marks

Attempt Questions 1–11

Allow about 25 minutes for this section

Use the multiple-choice answer sheet for Questions 1–10.

- 1 Which of the following is reflected in this Christmas card?



- A. Ecumenism
- B. Secularisation
- C. Reconciliation
- D. Interfaith dialogue
- 2 Which of the following best characterises the importance of totemism in Aboriginal spirituality?
- A. It provides links to ancestral beings.
- B. It defines the role of Elders in the wider community.
- C. It determines the relationship between rituals and ethics.
- D. It empowers communities to pursue activist roles in the seeking of reconciliation.

- 3 *I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which this meeting takes place, and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.*

Which aspect of Aboriginal spirituality is being acknowledged in the statement?

- A. The worship of traditions
 - B. The importance of meeting places
 - C. The ongoing role of custodianship
 - D. The significance of ceremonial life
- 4 Which of the following statements is true about Aboriginal dispossession?

- A. It ended the policy of assimilation.
- B. It reduced the importance of Christian missions.
- C. It limited access to land in rural areas by mining companies.
- D. It disrupted the inextricable connection between land and kinship.

- 5 According to the most recent Australian census data, which of the following is correct?

- A. Most people born overseas identify with a religion other than Christianity.
- B. The majority of the population does not identify with any particular religion.
- C. The majority of the population identifies with Christianity as their religious tradition.
- D. People aged 34 years and younger are less likely to identify as having no religion than people aged 35 years and over.

- 6 *We cultivated our land, but in a way different from the white man. We endeavour to live with the land, they seemed to live off it.*

TOM DYSTRA
Aboriginal Elder
Courtesy of Time Out Sydney

This quotation best expresses which of the following?

- A. Stories of the Dreaming
- B. Responsibilities to the natural world
- C. Social expectations and group norms
- D. Changing the mindset among non-Aboriginal people

- 7 Which of the following contributed most to the increase in the numbers of adherents to religious traditions other than Christianity in Australia?
- A. Growing sectarianism
 - B. Attraction to New Age religions
 - C. Initiatives promoting religious tolerance
 - D. The abolition of the White Australia Policy
- 8 Which of the following resulted from the formation of the Uniting Church?
- A. The Presbyterian and Congregational churches ceased to exist after 1977.
 - B. It caused the inclusion of the 'no religion' option in census data.
 - C. Methodists became the largest single group in the new church.
 - D. The decline in Protestant affiliation was reversed.
- 9 Which row of the table shows the denomination that represents the Church of England in Australia in 1947?

<i>Religious affiliations in Australia, 1947</i>	
	<i>% of adherents</i>
A. Denomination 1	39%
B. Denomination 2	21%
C. Denomination 3	12%
D. Denomination 4	10%

- 10 Statement 1: In the Wik decision, the High Court first recognised that the term *terra nullius* was not an appropriate description of the land.

Statement 2: The *Bringing them Home* report was the first legal recognition of Aboriginal native title.

Which of the following is correct?

- A. Both statements are true.
- B. Both statements are false.
- C. Statement 1 is false and statement 2 is true.
- D. Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.

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Section II — Religious Tradition Depth Study

15 marks

Attempt ONE question from Questions 12–16

Choose a DIFFERENT Religious Tradition in Section II from the one you choose in Section III

Allow about 30 minutes for this section

Answer the question in the Sections II and III Writing Booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

Question 12 — Buddhism (15 marks)

- (a) (i) Briefly outline ONE ethical teaching in Buddhism. **2**
- (ii) How does the teaching outlined in part (a) (i) guide adherents in their daily living in ONE of the following areas? **5**
- Bioethics
 - Environmental ethics
 - Sexual ethics
- (b) *Follow the path of virtue. The virtuous rest in bliss in this world and in the next.* **8**
Dhammapada 13:168

How are the beliefs of Buddhism expressed in the quotation reflected in ONE significant practice?

In your response, refer to ONE of the following.

- Pilgrimage
- Temple Puja
- Wesak

Question 13 — Christianity (15 marks)

- (a) (i) Briefly outline ONE significant practice within Christianity from the following. 2
- Baptism
 - Marriage ceremony
 - Saturday/Sunday worship
- (ii) What is the significance for the Christian community of the practice outlined in part (a) (i)? 5
- (b) *So live as people of light. For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.* 8

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Ephesians 5:8–9

To what extent has ONE significant person or school of thought, other than Jesus, encouraged Christians to follow what is ‘right and true’?

Question 14 — Hinduism (15 marks)

- (a) (i) Briefly outline ONE contribution to Hinduism of ONE significant person or school of thought other than the Vedas. 2
- (ii) What impact has the significant person or school of thought outlined in part (a) (i) had on Hinduism? 5
- (b) 8

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How does this quotation reflect the significance of ONE of the following practices for the Hindu community?

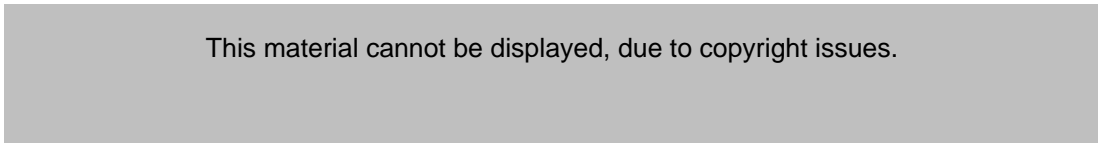
- Marriage ceremony
- Pilgrimage
- Temple worship

Question 15 — Islam (15 marks)

(a) (i) Briefly outline ONE significant practice within Islam from the following. **2**

- Friday prayer at the mosque
- Funeral ceremony
- Hajj

(ii) What is the significance for the Islamic community of the practice outlined in part (a) (i)? **5**

(b)  **8**

How does the above teaching give guidance to adherents in ONE of the following areas?

- Bioethics
- Environmental ethics
- Sexual ethics

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Question 16 — Judaism (15 marks)

- (a) (i) Briefly outline ONE ethical teaching in Judaism. **2**
- (ii) How does the teaching outlined in part (a) (i) guide adherents in their daily living in ONE of the following areas? **5**
- Bioethics
 - Environmental ethics
 - Sexual ethics
- (b) *Hear: O Israel: The LORD thy God is one LORD.* **8**
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| Deuteronomy 6:4
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How is the belief in ‘The LORD’ reflected in ONE significant practice of Judaism?

In your response, refer to ONE of the following.

- Death and mourning
- Marriage
- Synagogue services

Section III — Religious Tradition Depth Study

20 marks

Attempt ONE question from Questions 17–21

Choose a DIFFERENT Religious Tradition in Section III from the one you chose in Section II

Allow about 35 minutes for this section

Answer the question in the Sections II and III Writing Booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

Your answer will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding relevant to the question
 - incorporate significant aspects of religion to illustrate your answer
 - communicate using language and terminology appropriate to the study of religion
 - present ideas clearly in a cohesive response
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Question 17 — Buddhism (20 marks)

Look within, thou art the Buddha.

THE BUDDHA

To what extent does Buddhism guide adherents to ‘look within’?

Question 18 — Christianity (20 marks)

You all know that God is really good. You may be just as sure that the person who leads a really good life is a true child of God.

1 John 2:29

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How does Christianity guide adherents to live a ‘good life’?

Question 19 — Hinduism (20 marks)

The fire of knowledge burns to ashes all Karma.

Bhagavad Gita 4:37

How does the knowledge of Hindu ethical teachings guide adherents in their daily living?

Question 20 — Islam (20 marks)

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To what extent has ONE significant person or school of thought, other than Muhammad and the Four Rightly Guided Caliphs, assisted adherents to seek the truth?

Question 21 — Judaism (20 marks)

But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.

Deuteronomy 4:29
Torah

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To what extent has ONE significant person or school of thought, other than Abraham or Moses, assisted adherents in their ‘search for Him’?

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