

Religion

Practice Questions

Year 12



Instructions

Individual, exam-style questions

The questions contained in this booklet match the style of questions that are typically asked in exams. This booklet is not however, a practice exam. Elevate's research with top students identified that top students do more practice questions than anyone else. They begin the process of testing their knowledge early in the year.

Therefore, we have provided exam-format questions that are sorted by topic so that you can answer them as you learn the information, rather than waiting until the very end of the year to complete exams.

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Central Beliefs of Religious Traditions

1. What is humanity's relationship with the natural world?
2. Explain the relationship between humanity and an ultimate reality.
3. What are the core beliefs of a religious tradition you have studied?
4. 'The meaning of life is a mystery'. Explain this statement, and how a religious tradition you have studied would respond.
5. What is mankind's purpose?
6. What is a 'Core' religious belief?
7. What is Man's purpose? Explain with reference to a religious tradition you may have studied.
8. What makes a religious belief a core belief?
9. Explain how religious beliefs have developed over time.
10. Can a religion survive if a core belief is discontinued?

How Religion and Society Interact

1. Explain the relationship between religion and society.
2. What is the ideal vision for human society? Explain with reference to a religious tradition you have studied.
3. What is the place of religion in contemporary society?
4. What challenges does modern society pose for religions?
5. Can religion and society exist independently?
6. How do religious beliefs impact society?
7. How does society impact religious beliefs?
8. Does a particular society influence the way a religion is practiced?
9. What challenges does society pose to religious practice?
10. How has religion's relationship with society developed over time?

Aspects of a Religion

1. What are the aspects of a religions tradition?
2. Choose three aspects, and explain how they express a core belief of a religious tradition you have studied.
3. Explain how the aspects of religion assist the continuity of belief throughout time.
4. Describe one way that a symbol, or a ritual, is connected with a core belief of a religion you have studied.
5. How does the expression of religious beliefs change over time? Discuss with reference to the aspects of religion.
6. Explain how religious beliefs are expressed.
7. Choose one aspect and explain how it has been used to preserve a belief during a historically challenging event for a religion.
8. Explain the role that aspects play in the continuity of religious beliefs.
9. Choose three aspects, and list three examples of these aspects within a religious tradition you have studied.
10. What is the relationship between beliefs and aspects?

Significant Life Experiences

1. How are core religious beliefs influenced by significant life experiences?
2. Explain the impact of a significant life experience on an adherent's understanding of core religious beliefs.
3. What is a significant life experience?
4. Choose a significant life experience, and how it may alter an adherent's relationship with a religious tradition
5. How may a religion respond to the occurrence of a significant life experience? Answer with reference to a religious tradition you have studied.
6. Outline one social trend affecting adherents of a religious tradition you have studied.
7. How may a significant life experience assist in understanding religion? Your answer should be in reference to a religious tradition you have studied.

8. Why do significant life experiences provoke a rethinking of adherents' religious beliefs?
9. How are significant life events connected to religious beliefs?
10. How may a significant life experience influence everyday life of an adherent?

Historical Challenges for a Religion

1. Identify one internal and one external challenge for a religious tradition you have studied.
 - a. Explain what core beliefs were challenged in this event.
2. Describe a process or structure provided by a religion, in order to deal with an internal issue.
3. Explain one way that a religious tradition you have studied may respond to a historically challenging event.
4. What is a historical challenge faced by a religious tradition you have studied?
5. What core beliefs were challenged during a historical event with reference to a religious tradition that you have studied?
6. Explain the difference between internal and external challenges to religions.
7. What is the difference between a historical challenge and a contemporary challenge?
8. How are religions transformed after enduring a historical challenge?
9. When beliefs are challenged, does the core belief change, or rather the expression of the belief? Discuss.
10. Identify one method that a religious tradition has used to respond to a historical challenge, and evaluate its effectiveness.

Contemporary Challenges for a Religion

1. Why do contemporary challenges pose a problem to religious traditions?
2. What moral implications do contemporary issues pose?
 - a. Choose one contemporary issue facing a religious tradition you have studied.

3. What is religion's place in contemporary society?
4. Identify one major contemporary issue faced by a religious tradition you have studied.
 - a. Explain how the religion has responded.
 - b. Analyse the effectiveness of this response.
5. How do religious traditions respond to contemporary issues?
6. Identify three contemporary challenges facing religion today.
7. Explain why a religious tradition you have studied may not respond to a contemporary issue.
8. How may a contemporary issue cause conflict within a religion?

Continuity and Maintenance of Religion

1. How do religions sustain core beliefs over time?
2. Choose a core belief from a religious tradition you have studied, and explain how it has been preserved throughout history.
3. How does religion adapt to changing circumstances?
4. Select an aspect, and explain how it has been used to maintain a religious belief throughout history, in a religious tradition you have studied.
5. Choose one method of continuity and maintenance used by a religious tradition you have studied, and evaluate its effectiveness.
6. What is the purpose of maintaining core religious beliefs?
7. How does religion adapt to an ever-changing society?
8. Why do religious traditions strive to maintain religious beliefs?
9. What are the consequences of failing to preserve religious beliefs?
10. What methods do religions use to continue religious beliefs?

Purpose and Meaning Provided in Religion

1. How may a religion provide meaning and purpose for adherents?

2. How has a religious ritual assisted adherents in their search for meaning?
3. How may religious structures provide meaning to an adherent?
4. Using a belief from a religious tradition you have studied, explain how it provides meaning in an adherent's life.
5. How may people use religion to find meaning and purpose in their life?
6. How does religion respond to existential questions such as 'what is the meaning of life?'
 - a. Discuss with reference to a religious tradition you have studied.
7. Provide an example of a core belief that provides meaning and purpose to adherents, in a religious tradition you have studied.
8. What is Man's purpose? Discuss with reference to a religious tradition you have studied.
9. What is the relationship between man's purpose and man's meaning?
10. How does meaning found within a religion affect an adherent's day to day life? Discuss with reference to a religious tradition you have studied.