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NEW Junior Cycle Religion

A Question of Faith



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Fill in the blanks

Chapter reference

- Chapter 1: The Five Major World Religions
- Chapter 15: The Life of Jesus Christ and the Development of the Bible

After the Resurrection

For _____ days after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his apostles and continued to teach them. He was then taken up to heaven, body and soul. This event is called the _____. The disciples continued to meet and pray without Jesus for ten days. They were all in a room together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, when they heard a sound like the wind. _____ appeared above their heads. They were filled with the gift of the _____. They were filled with bravery and were able to speak in new languages.

Missionary work

Before Pentecost the Apostles had been afraid to preach as they had seen what had happened to their leader. Now, with strength from the _____, they began to go out and travel and bring the Good News of Jesus to new people and places. They began to _____ people, making them Christians.

The first Christian communities

- _____ was the Apostle who stood out the most. He became the first _____.
- The Christians were a close group and shared everything they had. They tried to live as Jesus had taught them. They ate together and practised table fellowship. _____ and non-Jews, began to be baptised too. They grew in numbers every day.
- However, it was a dangerous time for the Apostles. The groups who had killed Jesus began to become afraid of the amount of followers the apostles were getting and they arrested them and told them to stop preaching. But the Apostles were not afraid as they had the Holy Spirit and they continued to preach and perform miracles in Jesus' name.
- _____ was a great disciple who spread the Good News and even performed miracles. He was arrested and people told lies about him but he stayed calm. He was run out of his city and was stoned to death.
- He was one of the first Christian _____. A person willing to suffer and die for their faith.

Exam Technique

1. Both Higher and Ordinary level have a **2 hour** written exam worth **400 marks**.
2. Every section will give you the time allowed for it, so stick to these timings.
3. Section 1: Short answer questions (**15 minutes**). You are required to answer 10 out of 20 questions. Answer as many as you can. Complete all of the tick the box questions.
4. Section 2: Visual questions (**15 minutes**). There are **four questions** and you must answer **three**. You should only go back and attempt a fourth at the end of the exam if time allows. Sometimes the pictures show an example of a particular thing. The question may ask you to give **another** example. Be careful that you do not repeat what is already shown in the picture. If you are asked to give **two reasons** or examples of something make sure they are not too similar. Pick **two** completely different things. For example, if they ask why members of a community of faith would do something the following answers could work: because they want to follow in the footsteps of their founder/it's what their God would want them to do/it's part of their religious moral code.
5. Section 3: Comprehension style question (**15 minutes**). You must answer all of the questions in this section. Some questions are worth more marks than others so make sure to write more for those questions. In your answers make sure to refer back to the article.
6. Section 4: Long questions. Ordinary level must answer **five** out of **six** questions. Higher level must answer **four** out of **six** questions. Each question corresponds to a section on the course, e.g. question 1 will be about community, question 2 will be about Christianity, question 3 will be about world religions, question 4 will be about the question of faith, question 5 will be about the celebration of faith and question 6 will be about morality.
7. Section 5: **Higher level only**. This section has essay style questions. There are **six** questions, one for each section of the syllabus, and you must only do **one**. This section is worth **70 marks**.

Answering Section 3 of the Exam

1. You have 15 minutes to answer Section 3.
2. Read the piece that you are given carefully. Then read the questions.
3. Underline key words or instructions in the questions. Look and see if you are required to do more than one thing.
4. In question 1, make sure that you refer directly to the piece.
5. If a question asks you for **another** example of something, make sure that it is not too similar to what is already there. Make sure that it is different to what is in the piece.
6. If you are asked to give two reasons or explanations for something make sure that they are different or you will only get half the marks.
7. Look at the marks available for each question. Make sure you write enough for questions worth 12 or 16 marks.
8. The last question often asks you to explain a concept and then show how it is represented in the piece. Make sure that you answer both parts of the question.

Now try and use this method for answering some questions in Section 3 of the exam papers. You can find exam papers online on the State Examinations Commission website (<https://www.examinations.ie/>) if you don't have them with you.

Answering Section 5 of the Exam

1. There are six questions in Section 5 and you must only answer one of them. Each of them are essay-style questions and are worth 70 marks. You will need 15–20 minutes to complete this answer.
2. Question 1 will be about community, question 2 will be about Christianity, question 3 will be about world religions, question 4 will be about the situation of faith, question 5 will be about the celebration of faith and question 6 will be about morality.
3. You should read each question very carefully before choosing which to do. Most questions will ask you to do two things. If you don't complete all parts of the question you will not get full marks.
4. Underline key words in the question. Sometimes it can help to rewrite the question in simple English.
5. You should aim to write at least a page.
6. Use an opening, middle paragraphs and an ending.
7. Make a plan.
8. In preparing for this section of the exam make sure to revise the pages in pink in each section of your book as these are the higher level only sections.

Now pick two questions from Section 5 in your exam papers and apply this method. You can find the exam papers online on the State Examinations Commission website (<https://www.examinations.ie/>) if you don't have them with you.