

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2023

YEAR 8	ETHICS	TIME: 1 hour
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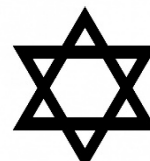
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Class: _____

1. **Select the words that relate to the specific religion and those that are common to all. Write the words under the correct column.** (12 marks)

monotheistic	cross	sacred writings
Torah	Bible	Christmas
synagogue	Qu'ran	Ten Commandments
Star of David	mosque	Crescent and Star

Judaism	Christianity	Islam	Common to all



2. Insert the correct word from the word bank below.

(12 marks)

Orthodox	denominations	majority
tolerance	Humanists	Roman Catholicism
secular	multicultural	freedom of religion
Islam	Judaism	Protestant

The traditions in Malta are highly influenced by _____.

This is because historically, the _____ of people practised this religion most. However, we find other different religious communities. These include but are not limited to other Christian _____ such as _____ and _____, as well as other religions like _____,

_____, Hindu, Sikh and Bahá'í. Yet, there are also people in Malta who observe no religion or opt to follow a _____ morality. These include atheists, secularists, and _____.

Although the Constitution of Malta establishes Catholicism as its official religion, however _____ is guaranteed as a constitutional right

and is generally respected. This kind of respect is called

_____, a quality that is valued in our

_____ society.

3. **Read the case study and answer the questions below.**

(22 marks)

Raymond hated the end of the day when his father came home. It hadn't always been like that. He remembered how they had played soccer in the evenings and how he sat on his father's lap listening to stories. But since his father had started drinking and coming home late,



everything went wrong. Although Raymond was tired by then, he always stayed awake with his mother until his father came. There was always a lot of arguing and shouting and Raymond worried that his father would hurt her. At school Raymond struggled to keep awake. The neighbours stopped visiting and their children weren't allowed to come over to play anymore. Raymond's aunts and uncles stopped visiting on the weekends too.

"This alcohol abuse has to stop," Raymond's mother said. "Unless you agree to get help, the children and I are leaving you. We love you and we'll miss you, but you won't see us again."

(adapted from Alcohol Addiction.

<https://steemit.com/steemiteducation/@ghostgtr/alcohol-addiction-a-story-lesson-for-kids>)

a. A habitual behaviour may become an _____. (2 marks)

b. Name three different types of addiction other than alcohol.

i. _____ ii. _____ iii. _____ (6 marks)

c. A person's addiction may reach a point at which it is _____ to the person itself and/or others. (2 marks)

d. A person with an addiction is unable to control what s/he is doing, taking, or using. They do not have self-discipline or self-_____. (2 marks)

- e. Write two different types of harm possibly being caused by Raymond's father due to his alcohol abuse. (4 marks)

i. _____ ii. _____

- f. Write down two possible negative consequences on Raymond's father and/or his family. (6 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

4. **Read the short story below and answer the questions that follow.** (24 marks)

Rules, laws, and society



Imagine you have landed in an alien part of the world. As soon as you set foot at the airport, the first form you fill out asks for your name, address, and type of weapon.

This city has been torn apart by all types of violence. There is no government in control and laws are practically non-existent.

Chaos is the order of the day. People do whatever they want to. They drive as they like, take away anything they want from anyone at any cost, and live however they please. Work and education are at a minimum.

Armed soldiers, murderers, gangs, and other criminals run the streets. You feel afraid that you would get kidnapped or shot. There are no police or courts to enforce any laws.

In this part of the world, whoever has the most guns often forms tribes and becomes the strongest and most powerful leader. It is quite simply one of the most lawless and dangerous places to live in.

- a. Do you think that there is freedom in this alien part of the world? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

- b. Why is it important to have laws in order to have freedom? (2 marks)

- c. In what ways does your country protect your freedom? (4 marks)

- d. What happens in a lawless society? Why? (4 marks)

- e. Why does freedom come with responsibilities and duties towards others? (6 marks)

- f. Give three examples of the different ways in which one can act freely, while taking into consideration rules and respect for others. (6 marks)

i.

ii.

ii.

5. Write around 120 words about the following.

(30 marks)

It is often said that we have a moral obligation to obey the law. Obeying the law is a way of showing our respect to each other and the authorities of the country.

But should we **always** obey authority? Are there occasions when it would be justified to disobey the authorities? Can you think of examples to support your answer?

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