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YEAR 8 **RELIGION** **TIME: 1 hour**

Name and Surname: _____ Class: _____

This paper has SEVEN sections.

Read the instructions in the title of each exercise carefully.

Answer ALL questions.

For teachers' use

Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	Section E	Section F	Section G	Total
15	15	15	15	15	15	10	100

SECTION A **(15 marks)**

COMMUNITY LIFE, RELATIONSHIPS AND ROLES IN THE COMMUNITIES OF FAITH.

Fill in the blanks with the given words. (4)

Lord	love	faith	reason

1. Samuel in the Old Testament says the phrase, "Speak _____, for your servant is listening."
2. _____ and science do not eliminate faith.
3. _____ in God helps people look at life holistically.
4. Through _____ we are capable of recognising and respecting each other despite all our differences.

Continue the sentence. (8)

5. The diversity in beliefs and values _____

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6. Samuel used to talk to God _____

   _____

7. Saint Augustin said, " Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they _____

   _____"

8. Jesus tells us that what we do with those in need is like _____

   _____

Answer.

9. To what do we refer to in the Acts of the Apostles when we say that the First Christians used to take part in the breaking of bread?

_____(1)

10. What do the bread and wine change to during Holy Mass?

_____ (1)

11. Mention a religious group in your parish.

_____ (1)

SECTION B **(15 marks)**

THE CHRISTIAN AND SOCIETY

Fill in the blanks with the correct word. The first letter is given to help you. (3)

1. In the book of Genesis we see that **G**_____ created everything good.

2. Man is created in the **i**_____ of God.

3. As Christians we should show **r**_____ towards man's life from its beginning to its end.

Answer.

4. (a) Mention a saint you studied about this year, who worked in favour of the environment.

   Saint: _____ (1)

   (b) What can you do today to live on the example of this saint?

   _____

   _____ (1)

Answer.

5. Mention a group in Malta that works in favour of the environment.

_____(1)

6. What should a Christian do to show respect towards the animals God created?

(a) _____(1)

(b) _____ (1)

7. Who wrote the encyclical *Laudato Si* which talks about the environment?

_____(1)

Continue the sentence.

8. The environment is _____

_____(2)

9. When we use natural resources we have to _____

_____ (2)

10. At school I can also take care of the environment by_____

_____ (2)

SECTION C **(15 marks)**

BELIEF, TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS – RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

Underline the correct word. (3)

1. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles on the feast of (Easter, Pentecost, Palm Sunday).

2. The successors of the Apostles are the Pope and the (elderly, teachers, Bishops).

3. During Confirmation, the Archbishop, while anointing one's forehead with oil, says the words, "Be sealed with the gift of the (Pope, Holy Spirit, Church)".

Match Column A to Column B by writing the numbers 4 to 6 in the middle column (3)

	Column A		**Column B**
4.	Jewish ritual		prayer and pilgrimage to Mecca.
5.	Christian ritual		prayer and observance of food one can eat.
6.	Muslim ritual		Baptism and Confirmation

Fill in the blanks with the correct word. The first letter is given to help you. (5)

7. Baptism is the first **s**_____ that we Christians receive.

8. The place where Baptism is given is called a **b**_____.

9. During Baptism water is the symbol of the new **l**_____ being given to the baby. The **w**_____ dress shows that the baby is taking on the qualities of Jesus Christ.

10. Jesus told Nicodemus that if one is not reborn one cannot see God's **K**_____.

Continue the sentence. (4)

11. The sacrament of Confirmation gives us the power _____

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12. Now that I have received Confirmation I should _____

_____

SECTION D **(15 marks)**

UNDERSTANDING MORAL LANGUAGE

Fill in the blanks with the correct word. The first letter is given to help you. (4)

1. Jesus' call for those who want to be his disciples was always, "As I have loved you, so you must **l**_____ one another."

2. During his life Jesus not only taught but also put into **p**_____ that which he taught.

3. Our conscience tells us to do that which is good and avoid that which is **e**_____.

4. If I decide to do what is bad, I will be abusing the **f**_____ that God has given me.

Continue the sentence. (2)

5. If I become a Christian it means that _____

_____

Answer.

6. What can help you to form your conscience in a good way?

   (a) _____ (1)

   (b) _____ (1)

7. What can hinder you from forming your conscience in a good way?

   (a) _____ (1)

   (b) _____ (1)

8. Amongst the moral actions Jesus performed, we see that He showed mercy towards the weak.

   Mention **two moral actions** Jesus performed.

   (a) _____ (1)

   (b) _____ (1)

Read the text then answer the questions.

9. It was Annual Exam time at school and Claudia did not feel like studying. Her mother told her to go to her room and study. Claudia said yes but instead she went to chat with her friends. The next day she didn't do well in the exam but in order for her mother not to shout at her, she told her she felt sick during the exam.

   (a) What did Claudia do wrong?

   _____ (1)

   (b) What advice would you give Claudia?

   _____

   _____ (2)

SECTION E **(15 marks)**

ROLE MODELS FOR MY LIFE

Underline the correct word. (1)

1. The feast that is the foundation for Christianity is the feast of (Saint Mary, Easter, Christmas).

Continue the sentence.

2. In order to live on the example of Jesus_____

   _____ (2)

3. Martyrs are persons who, during their life, _____

_____(2)

Answer.

4. (a) Mention a saint, that you studied about this year, who practised the virtue of honesty.

_____(1)

(b) How can you live on the example of this saint today? Give **two examples**.

(i) _____ (1)

(ii)_____ (1)

5. (a) Mention a saint that you studied about this year who practised the virtue of forgiveness.

_____ (1)

(b) How can you live on the example of this saint today?

Give **two examples**.

(i) _____ (1)

(ii)_____ (1)

Read the text and answer.

6. This year money was collected for the missions at our school and the person who collected most money would be given a prize. Paula did her best to collect the most money because she wanted to win the prize for herself so that she would appear to be the best among her friends.

(a) Mention one good action Paula did.

_____(1)

(b) What did Paula do wrong?

_____(1)

(c) What advice would you give Paula for next time?

_____

_____(2)

SECTION F **(15 marks)**

GROWING IN VIRTUE

Match Column A to Column B by writing the numbers 1 to 4 in the empty middle column. (4)

	Column A		**Column B**
1.	Prudence		makes us sensitive towards others and their needs.
2.	Justice		is the virtue that enables us to moderate the indulgence in life.
3.	Fortitude		is the wisdom we need in life in order to make decisions and choices.
4.	Temperance		is the courage man needs to face life.

Continue the word. The first letter is given to help you. (4)

5. **V**_____ reduces the liberty given to us by God as one of the greatest gifts He gave us.

6. A good habit that leaves good results in one's life is called a **v**_____.

7. In the prayer of Our **F**_____ we pray to God to ' lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evill.'

8. **J**_____ is the centre of our beliefs and has the fortitude to overcome all evil.

Answer.

9. Mention **two assistances** that we use as Christians to help us avoid succumbing to temptation.

   (a) _____ (1)

   (b) _____ (1)

10. Give a reason why forgiveness brings joy to one's life.

    _____(1)

11. Mention **two reasons** that can lead us to vice.

    (a) _____ (1)

    (b)_____(1)

12. Mention **two episodes** from the Gospel in which Jesus showed he was always ready to welcome back those who had sinned.

    (a)_____(1)

    (b)_____(1)

SECTION G **(10 marks)**

Answer at length.

(a) In about **fifty (50) words** write about the research you conducted during this year's religion lessons.

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_____ (5)

(b) What did you learn from what you worked on?

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_____ (5)

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