

School leaving exam in Religious Education in English 2021

Topics A (text analysis, long answer – 40 points)

You'll get texts for preparation – you may get somewhat shorter texts at the exam, because there is a limit on the length; the task sheet with topics A and B is usually maximum 2 pages. The texts at the exam will be in English and in Hungarian.

Make sure that you answer the task question, not the topic suggested by the task heading,

e.g. the heading is: "New Testament 2

The mystery of Christ: Messianic miracles, the Messiah's redeeming suffering, death and resurrection, the first Pentecost – the birth of the Church" (ignore all of this – this is just some technical information for the examiner) - and the task (Task: Discuss...) is to speak about how Jesus showed His love to His apostles at the Last Supper (i.e. washing the disciples' feet, instituting the Eucharist, praying for His followers...).

Don't forget, that besides analysing the texts (8 points) you have to connect the topics to your everyday Christian life (another 7 points). If you are a Protestant and happen to pick a very Catholic topic (e.g. doctrines about the Virgin Mary), feel free to use 'Catholics do' instead of 'I do'.

The presentation takes 7-10 minutes.

1. The creation of man (OT1)
2. The Fall (OT1)
3. Messianic prophecies in the Book of Emmanuel (OT2)
4. Symbolic acts of Jeremiah (OT2)
5. Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God – parables (NT1)
6. Miracles as the signs of the Kingdom of God (NT1)
7. St Paul's life and missions (NT2)
8. St John's and St James' teaching about love (NT2)
9. Martyrs witness to the gospel (up to AD 313) (ChH1)
10. St Stephen, Hungary's apostolic king (ChH1)
11. The Council of Trent (ChH2)
12. St John Henry Newman (ChH2)
13. Redemption, the liturgy of the Easter Triduum (L&D1)
14. Doctrines about the Virgin Mary – feasts of the Virgin Mary (L&D1)
15. Holy orders (L&D2)
16. Matrimony (L&D2)
17. Laws in the Old Testament (M1)
18. Theological virtues (M1)
19. Moral resurrection in the teaching and practice of the Church (M2)
20. Moral dilemmas connected to giving life (M2)
21. Non-Christian sources about Jesus (F1)
22. World religions: Islam (F1)
23. Revelation and inspiration (F2)
24. The 4 marks of the Church (F2)

Topics B (factual knowledge, short answer – 10 points)

For these topics you won't be given input on the task sheet – the passages you get to help your preparation won't be there on the task sheet at the exam. (That means you need to keep in mind/memorise what you want to say about these topics.)

The presentation takes 2-4 minutes.

1. God's promises to Abraham (OT1)
2. Moses and the Sinai Covenant(OT1)
3. Hosea's life as a prophetic message (OT2)
4. The genre of Psalms (OT2)
5. The history of writing the gospels (NT1)
6. Infancy Gospels (NT1)
7. The Jerusalem church (NT2)
8. The genre of the apostolic letter (NT2)
9. The development of consecrated life from St Benedict to St Dominic (ChH1)
10. The first 4 ecumenical councils (ChH1)
11. St John Paul II (ChH2)
12. The need for and the opportunity of evangelisation in the developed countries (ChH2)
13. The liturgical year (L&D1)
14. Charisms – the gifts of the Holy Spirit (L&D1)
15. Liturgical symbols (L&D2)
16. The liturgy of the holy mass (L&D2)
17. Conscience (M1)
18. Sin (M1)
19. Moral dilemmas connected to death (M2)
20. Moral dilemmas connected to property (M2)
21. Buddhism (F1)
22. The freedom of religion (F1)
23. The infallibility of the Church (F2)
24. The connection between faith and works (F2)

The aids you can use during the exam: the Bible (in both languages), the documents of Vatican II, dictionaries – all provided by the school.

Marking

Topic A	Max. 40
Content	Max. 30
factual knowledge	0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8
text analysis	0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8
using the right terminology	0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7
connection to Christian life	0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7
Presentation	Max. 10 pont
logical structure	0-1-2-3-4-5
accuracy	0-1-2-3-4-5

Topic B	Max. 10
factual knowledge	0-1-2-3-4-5
using the right terminology	0-1-2-3-4-5