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## Level 1 Religious Studies 2024

### 91918 Demonstrate understanding of a characteristic of religious or spiritual traditions

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of a characteristic of religious or spiritual traditions.	Explain a characteristic of religious or spiritual traditions.	Examine a characteristic of religious or spiritual traditions.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ONE of the questions below. Space for planning your answer is provided below.

### QUESTIONS (Choose ONE)

1. Ethical beliefs define what is good in religions. Explain what is good in two different religious or spiritual traditions you have studied.
2. Rituals often help to give meaning to people's lives. Explain the different ways in which a ritual gives meaning to people's lives in two different religious or spiritual traditions you have studied.
3. Religious or spiritual experiences can offer meaning and purpose. Explain how the experiences of two different religious or spiritual traditions offer meaning and purpose.

### SELECTED QUESTION

Copy and paste the question you have chosen into the space below.

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### PLANNING

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## EXTENDED RESPONSE

Type your extended response in the space below. You should aim to write a concise answer of up to 800 words. You must answer using paragraphs. The quality of your writing is more important than the length of your answer. (The counter will change colour when you reach the recommended maximum word count.)

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Over my lifetime and years of being a practising catholic I have noticed that the ethical beliefs actually define the religion. In the all Catholic parables and story it always has a strong meaning that us Catholics believe in and listen to and we use these parables not only when times get hard in life but when we need a little bit of guidance.

Catholicisms Ethical beliefs, I will explain a belief that is also a strong value in life it is called hope. Hope was shown in the catholic religion through many of its parables but one that really struck my attention was "the good Samaritan" The good Samaritan is a parable in the Bible that talks about a man trying to walk back home.

### The good Samaritan

There was a Israelite man walking across a road that was renowned as "dangerous" it was known for robbery, murder and worse things, so being by him self he had to be cautious because not only was he carrying goods but he could get hurt. While he was walking and walking he got a bit tired, so he dropped his guard a bit and wasn't always looking out just in case danger was near. As soon as this happens his was attacked and jumped by thieves, they stole all his clothes and goods beat him up and left him to die on the side of the road. While being half dead there was a priest walking by the man thought to him self "awesome he is gonna help and save me" the priest did exact opposite and just ignored him. Next there was a man of his own a Israelite and of course the hurt man thought he was in luck but the Israelite just turned a blind eye and kept walking, just when he thought he was out of luck a Jew his enemy walks by and obviously the hurt man had no hope he was gonna get some help. The Jew picked up the hurt man and cared for him then put him on his horse and took him home. When they got home the Jew cleaned and gave the hurt man medicine and made sure he was alright he even stayed by his side the whole night while he went to sleep to make sure he was doing well.

This parable is good, It gives us hope that no matter what someone will always help even those you least expect it from.

### This next story is from the Religion of Buddhism

Its about a young prince who was born into a royal family he was showered by gifts and royalties on the daily he was loving his luxury life. There was a day where he saw all the poor and least fortunate people and family's and this gave him a guilty feeling and made him think "how is this okay, why should i get all these nice luxurious things that i do not even even need and people struggle to survive and get by" He made up his mind and said I cant do this I am going to give everything i have had given to me away and live how these poor people are living. Making this decision was a good way of bringing himself back down to earth and got to learn about working for things, but this was also not right he went from sleeping in a king size bed to sleeping on the streets and went from eating as much as he wanted to eating barely anything. He knew this also wasn't right so he had to think and think but couldn't come up with anything so he decided to go meditate under a boudoir tree he meditated for hours seeking help and finally something hit him he needed to find a balance and middle. Imagine going from having all those entitlements to having literary nothing that also is not right. So he found that middle ground and stayed there he started to find more happiness and joy in life having to work for things instead of getting it handed to you on a silver platter. He ended up living a good life and made sure to always help those in need.

To conclude this story and explain how it is a good ethical belief in religion.

This story is a great way to take a look at our selves and not compare but be aware of other peoples life situations and if we are in a more better situation you should always offer a helping hand to those who really need it.

### conclude

both of these short story contain a strong message but the value i take away from both is the value hope. Hope is very important because with out hop and belief what do we have? both stories talk about helping people who are in need so the message i take away from both these stories is whenever you are hurting or in need you can always count on God to send someone to help.

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Achievement

Subject: Religious Studies

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Total score: 04

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	A4	In answering Question 1, the candidate provided examples from two religious traditions and described their meaning, but the explanations lacked depth, analysis, and explicit connections to the religions’ broader ethical frameworks.