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## Level 1 Religious Studies 2025

### 91919 Demonstrate understanding of perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue.	Explain perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue.	Examine perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

**There is ONE question in this booklet. You should answer the question in this booklet.**

If you need more room for your answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–8 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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Make sure you have the paper Resource Booklet 91919R.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Resource Booklet 91919R contains fictional responses by real religious or spiritual communities to two different issues, as shown below.

Space for planning your answer is provided below.

Select ONE issue to focus on in your response:

Cost of living crisis (Resource A)

Climate refugees (Resource B)

## PLANNING

1. Define issue
2. Example
3. Wider social context
4. Community
5. Values
6. Actions

1. Introduce
2. CST
3. Scripture reference
4. Explain
5. Actions

## QUESTION

Apply your understanding of the following question to one religious or spiritual community from the resource booklet, and also one that you have studied in class.

(a) Identify a religious or spiritual community you have studied in class.

The Catholic Church

(b) How do the principles of **both** communities shape their perspective on your selected issue?

In your answer, include relevant examples and consider how each perspective may have wider social impacts.

You should aim to write a concise answer of up to 800 words. 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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Climate refugees refers to the individuals, families and communities that are forced out of their homes due to the impacts of rising sea levels and extreme weather events such as tropical cyclones, floods and droughts. These events lead to many individuals and families being displaced leaving them distraught. For example, in the text we see that many have been displaced due to extreme weather events. Being displaced at such sudden timing can be very distressing for many individuals/families. Situations such as these can result in poor living conditions, limit in food resources and stress on an individuals mental and phsycial health. As a result the Sikh organizations have mobilised to provide for them. Sikhism is an ancient religion founded in the Punjab region of the Indian subcontinent. They base their values and morals in the concept of Seva. In the Sikhism religion, Seva is the concept of selfless service, rooted in the practice of helping others without expecting or exception of reward. It is their way of life and belief. This value/principle is rooted in the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh holy scripture) "One who performs selfless service, without thought of reward, shall attain his Lord and Master." It is from this they believe that they will retain spirutal freedom - which also motivates their actions. From this concept, many Sikh organisations have come together to cater towards those who have been displaced; climate refugees. Sarbat Da Bhala, an international Sikh humanitarian organisation have been delivering clean water, medical supplies to the families who have been displaced due to climate. They have also provided food, shelter and other basic necessities to many of those in need. These actions go beyond borders, that reflect their religion and key concept of Seva.

The Catholic Church is a religious community that base their beliefs, morals and values in the beatitudes, 10 Commandments, the Bible and the way Jesus had lived out his life. Another factor would be the Catholic Social Teachings. The Catholic Social Teachings are what Catholics turn to when faced with the challenges of the many social and economical issues of today. For example, climate refugees. A CST relavant to climate refugees, is "The Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable" This is both a principle and value in the Catholic Church. This Catholic Social Teaching surrounds the belief that we must always consider the poor and vulnerable in what ever situation; wether it be negatively or positively. Catholics believe that the poor and vulnerable have a special place in the kingdom of God, so when serving the poor and vulnerable it is as though we are serving Christ Himself. Matthew 25:36 says "I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me." This verse from the Bible serves as a reminder to Catholics and why they value the principle "The Prefential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable". It is a way of understanding and reminding Catholics why they must feel compelled to act upon situations with a sense of consideration and empathy for the poor and vulnerable. Another Catholic Social Teaching relavant to climate refugees is Human Dignity. This is servers as both a principle and value in the Catholic Church. Human Dignity surrounds the belief that we must treat everyone with a kindness and respect; saint or sinner. It serves as a motive to the Catholic Church, and why they must feel compelled to treat everyone with a sense of dignity and respect. Genesis 1:27 Says "The Lord God made man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." This verse in particular serves as both a motive and way of life to many Catholics. It is the telling that we are all made in the image of God, and that in itself should be enough to know that all must be treated with dignity and repsect. As of today there are multiple Catholic organizations who are work towards providing for the displaced. For example, Caritas and the Catholic Care Foundation. Both organizations have provided for many that have been displaced. This has been seen through their way of providing shelter, food and basic necessities to many that have been displaced. These actions as a whole reflect upon the many morals and values that the Catholic Church share.

To finish, both communities share the common goal of catering and caring for those who are displaced due to the climate. It is their sense of motivation and values that differentiate the two. For instance, the Sikhism religion are motivated by their concept of Seva and showing selfless service. Whereas the Catholic Church are motivated by the Bible and principles (Catholics Social Teachings) as a way of responding to the issues of today; climate refugees. But in all, both communities act upon providing for the many individuals and families who have been displaced due to climate.

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## Merit

**Subject:** Religious Studies

**Standard:** 91919

**Total score:** 06

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	M6	The candidate has explained the principles behind the perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on the issue.