

**IM SYLLABUS (2008-2011)**

**RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

**IM 28**

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<b>Religious Knowledge IM 28</b> <b>Syllabus</b>	(available in September) 1 Paper (3 hours)
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**Aim**

The Intermediate Level is to be considered as half-way between the SEC and the Advanced level. As such, this syllabus assumes knowledge of the subject at SEC level. It aims to consolidate this knowledge and to extend it to include more advanced concepts that give a deeper understanding and a more coherent view of the subject. However, the amount of concepts will not be as extensive as in the Advanced Level course. More or less, they form one third of the amount that is treated at Advanced Level, even though the depth that is to be expected is not so much different.

**Assessment Objectives**

Basically, these objectives are the same as those set for the SEC Level, only that they are to be considered at a deeper level especially with regard to the precision of concepts, references to the Bible and Church Documents, line of argumentation, and relevance to life and culture.

**Scheme of Assessment**

The examination will consist of one paper of three hours duration. The first question is compulsory and consists of fifteen short questions requiring short direct answers. Another five questions will be given, out of which candidates are to answer three in essay form.

Question One carries 31 marks while each of the three essay questions carry 23 marks. It is rather difficult to create a strict marking scheme for the essay questions. However, the following guideline will be followed. Three-fourths of the marks for each essay answer will be attributed to the knowledge and understanding of the topic in question; this includes the right terminology, objective presentation of doctrine, references to the main sources, relevance to personal and social life. The other one-fourth will be attributed to one's ability to sustain an inquiring and critical approach especially by giving a good analysis of the issues studied.

**Subject Content****1. Religious faith**

- a) The human search for God (*par. 27-49*) ☒
- b) Revelation, Tradition and Sacred Scripture (*par. 50-141*)
- c) Response through faith (*par. 142-184*)

**2. Creation, the Fall and the promise of Redemption**

- a) The visible world; the creation of man and woman (*par. 279-384*)
- b) The Fall, Original Sin and the promise of Redemption (*par. 385-421*)
- c) Jesus of Nazareth: The Son of God and man (*par. 422-511*)

**3. The Church through which Christ continues his mission**

- a) The Church as the new People of God, as Christ's Mystical Body and as Temple of the Holy Spirit (*par. 781-810*)
- b) Animated by the Spirit (Acts 2, 1-42)
- c) Living in brotherly communion (Acts 2, 43-47; Acts 4, 32-37)
- d) Taking care of the most needy (Acts 6, 1-7)
- e) Under the guidance of the Apostles (Acts 15, 1-35)
- f) Open to all men and cultures (Acts 10, 1-48)
- g) Foundation of the Church in Malta (Acts 27, 1-28, 10)

#### **4. Christ's action through the sacraments of the Church**

- a) The Paschal Mystery in the Church's sacraments (*par. 1113-1134*)
- b) The sacrament of Reconciliation (*par. 1422-1498*)
- c) The sacrament of the Eucharist (*par. 1322-1419*)
- d) Matrimony (*par. 1601-1666*)

#### **5. Life of Christ**

- a) The moral conscience, our response to God's call (*par. 1776-1802*)
- b) Respect for human life (*par. 2258-2330*)
- c) Sexuality from the Christian perspective (*par. 2331-2400*)
- d) Respect for persons and their goods. Involvement in social life (*par. 2401-2463*)

☒ *Paragraphs refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

#### **Set Texts**

1. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (relevant sections)
2. *The Acts of the Apostles* (relevant sections)

#### **Suggested Reading**

*Il-Ktieb ta' l-Atti ta' l-Appostli*, Għaqda Bibblika, Maltija, 2001