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MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL
2026 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT:	**Religious Knowledge**
DATE:	23rd May 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Answer **ALL** questions from Section A and any **THREE** questions from Section B.
Section A carries 40% of the total mark and Section B carries 60%.

SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

1. Explain the statements "God is truth" and "God is love." How do these attributes help us understand God's relationship with humanity?
2. According to Genesis 1, human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. Explain this teaching and mention **TWO** implications for human dignity and responsibility in the material world.
3. Explain the significance of **THREE** biblical images for the Church.
4. Define prayer and explain its value and importance in the life of the Christian community.
5. "All creation can thrive if we get our priorities in order." What is the significance of this statement to the daily lives of Christians? How does such a mindset benefit society?
6. Human beings are by nature religious and possess a 'God-shaped emptiness.' Explain this statement and show how union with God leads to true happiness.
7. What are the effects of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the life of the Christian?
8. Give **TWO** reasons why Mary, the mother of Jesus, is of utmost importance in the history and mystery of God's salvation.
9. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church?
10. How are the identity and mission of the Catholic Church a reflection of the identity and mission of Jesus Christ?

(Total: 40 marks)

SECTION B

Choose THREE questions and answer them in detail. Each question carries 20 marks.

11. "Then Jesus cried aloud, 'Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me'" (John 12:44).
    a. Explain faith as a personal response to God that seeks understanding, while accepting human limitations such as doubt and questioning. (4)
    b. Explain the relationship between faith and reason, including how science helps us understand creation without replacing belief in God. (6)
    c. Outline the main beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, and the Church as expressed in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. (6)
    d. Discuss **TWO** difficulties people face in believing today and identify **TWO** key existential questions that arise from these challenges. (4)

(Total: 20 marks)

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12. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to bring our deepest human needs before God as our loving Father.
    a. Explain why the Lord's Prayer is considered the perfect model of Christian prayer taught by Jesus. (6)
    b. Explain the meaning of the petition "Give us this day our daily bread," including its spiritual meanings. (4)
    c. Explain the meaning of the petition "Lead us not into temptation," including its spiritual meanings. (4)
    d. Explain how praying the Lord's Prayer helps shape the prayer life of a young Catholic today, giving **TWO** personal or practical examples. (6)

(Total: 20 marks)

13. The Decalogue is God's Gift of Love and Law.
    a. Explain the importance of Sacred Tradition in understanding and interpreting the Ten Commandments. (5)
    b. Explain what is meant by the unity of the Decalogue as taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. (3)
    c. Explain how Jesus' Beatitudes bring the Decalogue to perfection. (5)
    d. Choose **ONE** commandment that governs humanity's relationship with God and explain its meaning from a Catholic perspective. (3)
    e. Choose **ONE** commandment that governs relationships between people and explain its relevance in today's world. (4)

(Total: 20 marks)

14. "The sacraments are essential instruments of salvation… enabling us to 'touch' divine reality." - Pope Francis
    a. Explain what sacraments are and why they are so fundamental to Christian life. (5)
    b. Describe the Sacraments of Service and explain how they strengthen communion and mission within the Church. (6)
    c. Why is the Sacrament of the Eucharist of central importance to Christian life? (4)
    d. Explain how the sacraments invite young Catholics to active participation in the life and mission of the Church. (5)

(Total: 20 marks)

15. "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting."
    a. Explain the Church's belief in the resurrection of the dead at the end of time, distinguishing it from the spiritual resurrection experienced through faith. (5)
    b. Explain everlasting life as the state of heaven. (3)
    c. Outline the Last Things and explain how Christian death is understood as a passage to the Father, with the Eucharist as a foretaste of eternal life. (8)
    d. Why are the Christian beliefs about the resurrection of the dead, life everlasting, and the Last Things so important and relevant to every Christian's everyday life? (4)

(Total: 20 marks)

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LIVELL INTERMEDJU TAL-MATRIKOLA
L-EWWEL SESSJONI 2026

SUĠĠETT:	**It-Tagħlim Reliġjuż**
DATA:	23 ta' Mejju 2026
ĦIN:	mid-9:00 a.m. sa 12:05 p.m.

Wieġeb il-mistoqsijiet **KOLLHA** ta' Taqsima A u **TLIET** mistoqsijiet oħra li trid minn Taqsima B. Taqsima A għandha 40% tal-marka totali u Taqsima B għandha 60%.

TAQSIMA A
Wieġeb il-mistoqsijiet KOLLHA. Kull mistoqsija għandha 4 marki.

1. Spjega dawn id-dikjarazzjonijiet "Alla huwa l-verità" u "Alla huwa mħabba." Dawn l-attributi kif jgħinuna nifhmu r-relazzjoni ta' Alla mal-umanità?
2. Skont il-Ġenesi 1, il-bnedmin huma maħluqa xbieha ta' Alla u skont kif xtaqhom Hu. Spjega dan it-tagħlim u semmi **ŻEWĠ** implikazzjonijiet għad-dinjità u r-responsabbiltà tal-bnedmin fid-dinja materjali tal-lum.
3. Spjega s-sinifikat ta' **TLIET** xbihat bibbliċi għall-Knisja.
4. Agħti tifsira tat-terminu talb u spjega l-valur u l-importanza tiegħu fil-ħajja tal-komunità Nisranija.
5. "Il-ħolqien kollu jista' jirnexxi jekk inpoġġu l-prijoritajiet tagħna f'ordni." X'inhu s-sinifikat ta' din id-dikjarazzjoni għall-ħajja ta' kuljum tal-Insara? Is-soċjetà kif tibbenefika minn mentalità bħal din?
6. Il-bnedmin huma min-natura tagħhom reliġjużi u 'f'qalbhom hemm vojt li Alla biss jista' jimlieh.' Spjega din id-dikjarazzjoni u uri kif l-għaqda ma' Alla twassal għall-hena vera.
7. X'inhuma l-effetti tas-Sagrament tal-Griżma tal-morda fil-ħajja tan-Nisrani?
8. Agħti **ŻEWĠ** raġunijiet għaliex Marija, omm Ġesù, hija ta' importanza kbira fl-istorja u fil-misteru tas-salvazzjoni t'Alla.
9. X'inhu l-irwol tal-Ispirtu s-Santu fil-Knisja Kattolika?
10. Kif l-identità u l-missjoni tal-Knisja Kattolika huma riflessjoni tal-identità u l-missjoni ta' Ġesù Kristu?

(Total: 40 marka)

TAQSIMA B
Agħżel TLIET mistoqsijiet u weġibhom fid-dettall. Kull mistoqsija għandha 20 marka.

11. "Ġesù għolla leħnu u qal: "Min jemmen fija jkun qiegħed jemmen mhux fija imma f'min bagħatni" (Ġwann 12:44).
    a. Spjega l-fidi bħala tweġiba personali lil Alla li tfittex li tifhem, filwaqt li taċċetta l-limitazzjonijiet umani bħad-dubju u n-nuqqas t'għarfien. (4)
    b. Spjega r-relazzjoni bejn il-fidi u r-raġuni. Għid ukoll kif ix-xjenza tista' tgħinna nifhmu l-ħolqien mingħajr ma nabbandunaw it-twemmin f'Alla. (6)
    c. Iddeskrivi t-twemmin ewlieni dwar Alla, Ġesù Kristu, u l-Knisja kif miktub fil-Kredu tal-Appostli u l-Kredu ta' Niċea. (6)
    d. Iddiskuti **ŻEWĠ** diffikultajiet li n-nies iħabbtu wiċċhom magħhom illum biex jemmnu, u identifika **ŻEWĠ** mistoqsijiet eżistenzjali ewlenin li jiġu minn dawn l-isfidi. (4)

(Total: 20 marka)

Il-mistoqsijiet ikomplu fil-paġna li jmiss.

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12. It-Talba tal-Missierna tgħallimna nressqu l-aktar bżonnijiet umani profondi tagħna quddiem Alla bħala Missierna li jħobbna bla qies.
    a. Spjega għaliex it-Talba tal-Missierna hija meqjusa l-mudell perfett tat-talb Nisrani mgħallem minn Ġesù stess. (6)
    b. Spjega t-tifsira tal-vers "Ħobżna ta' kuljum agħtina llum," u inkludi wkoll it-tifsiriet spiritwali tiegħu. (4)
    c. Spjega t-tifsira tal-vers "la ddaħħalniex fit-tiġrib," u inkludi wkoll it-tifsiriet spiritwali tiegħu. (4)
    d. Spjega kif it-talba tal-Missierna tgħin sabiex tifforma l-ħajja tat-talb ta' Kattoliku żagħżugħ tal-lum. Agħti **ŻEWĠ** eżempji personali jew prattiċi. (6)

(Total: 20 marka)

13. Id-Dekalogu huwa r-rigal ta' mħabba u liġi mingħand Alla.
    a. Spjega l-importanza tat-Tradizzjoni Sagra fid-dawl u l-interpretazzjoni tal-Għaxar Kmandamenti. (5)
    b. Spjega xi tfisser l-unità tad-Dekalogu kif mgħallma fil-Katekiżmu tal-Knisja Kattolika. (3)
    c. Spjega kif il-Beatitudnijiet ta' Ġesù jwasslu d-Dekalogu għall-perfezzjoni. (5)
    d. Agħżel kmandament **WIEĦED** li jirregola r-relazzjoni tal-umanità m'Alla u spjega t-tifsira tiegħu minn perspettiva Kattolika. (3)
    e. Agħżel kmandament **WIEĦED** li jirregola r-relazzjonijiet bejn in-nies u spjega r-rilevanza tiegħu fid-dinja tal-lum. (4)

(Total: 20 marka)

14. "Is-sagramenti huma strumenti essenzjali tas-salvazzjoni... li jippermettulna 'mmissu' r-realtà divina." – Papa Franġisku
    a. Spjega x'inhuma s-sagramenti u għaliex huma daqshekk fundamentali għall-ħajja Nisranija. (5)
    b. Iddeskrivi s-Sagramenti għall-qadi tal-komunjoni u għall-missjoni u spjega kif isaħħu l-istess komunjoni u missjoni fi ħdan il-Knisja. (6)
    c. Għaliex is-Sagrament tal-Ewkaristija huwa ta' importanza ċentrali għall-ħajja Nisranija? (4)
    d. Spjega kif is-sagramenti jistiednu liż-żgħażagħ Kattoliċi għall-parteċipazzjoni attiva fil-ħajja u l-missjoni tal-Knisja. (5)

(Total: 20 marka)

15. "Jiena nemmen fil-qawma tal-imwiet; il-ħajja ta' dejjem."
    a. Spjega t-twemmin tal-Knisja fil-qawmien mill-imwiet fl-aħħar taż-żmien, billi tqabblu mal-qawmien spiritwali li jiġi esperjenzat permezz tal-fidi. (5)
    b. Spjega l-ħajja ta' dejjem bħala l-Ġenna. (3)
    c. Iddeskrivi l-Aħħar Stadji u spjega kif għan-Insara il-mewt hija mifhuma bħala passaġġ lejn il-Missier, bl-Ewkaristija bħala togħma minn qabel tal-ħajja ta' dejjem. (8)
    d. Għaliex it-twemmin Nisrani dwar il-qawmien mill-imwiet, il-ħajja ta' dejjem, u l-Aħħar Stadji huma daqshekk importanti u rilevanti għall-ħajja ta' kuljum ta' kull Nisrani? (4)

(Total: 20 marka)