RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EXTRA WORK
Unit 1

A. RELIGION, WHAT IS ITS WORTH?

1. Religion cannot solve our material problems, heal our pain or save us from disasters, yet it can give us answers to our deepest questions. How can religion give meaning to our life?

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2. What do we mean when we compare Religion to:
   a. Foundation of a building?

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   b. A compass in the desert?

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   c. Fuel of a jet?

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B. NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

Give a one word or a short phrase for an answer to the following.

1. The religion founded by Siddharta Gautama. ____________________
2. The meaning of the name Buddha. ____________________
3. According to Buddhism, this is state of perfect harmony when the craving and clinging to material things or persons will totally cease and there will be no more suffering. ____________________
4. These are eight steps that enables a person to reach perfection. ____________________
5. When the soul has not found enlightenment, it is reborn back to this life on earth but in a new, different material body than the last life. ____________________
6. The roots of this religion have originated from this particular country. ____________________
7. Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are the three Gods of the Hindu Trinity. How is it known? ____________________
8. Reincarnated persons can go to a higher or a lower one of these, according to how they lived their former life. ____________________
9. Escape from the cycle or reincarnation is possible when one reaches this state. ____________________
10. The founder of Islam. ____________________
11. The Holy book that is believed to be a divine dictation which was revealed to Muhammed. ____________________
12. The number of times that Muslims are meant to pray every day. ____________________
C. RESPECT TOWARDS OTHER RELIGIONS

Vatican Council II, “Nostra Aetate”,
_Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions._

Read the paragraph and put in the right word

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Since all people of the world were created by God, we should all share God’s providence and goodness. The Church is aware of her duty to foster __________________________ and charity among all people.

Men of all times have always sought to find an answer to questions such as the reason why we are living, what is good and what is sinful, why there is suffering in the world, from where one can find genuine happiness and what happens after death. Men look to their different __________________________ to find answers to these questions. Among the major religions apart from __________________________, we find Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam.

What is common among the different religions is that they are aware of a hidden power which lies beyond nature and human life; they recognise that there is __________________________; each religion has its own beliefs and religious rites which help the individual reach a state of __________________________ through good practices, meditation and trust God.

The Catholic Church __________________________ nothing that is holy and true in these religions.

Although the way these religions practice their beliefs is different in many ways from our Church’s teachings, the Catholic Church has __________________________ regard for the way they live their religion and their behaviour.
The Church is duty bound to __________________ without fail, Christ, who himself said: “I am the______________________, the way and the life” (Jn.14, 6). In him man finds the fullness of their religious life.

The Church encourages __________________ with members of other religions. Through dialogue the Christians will be __________________ to their own faith and at the same time encourage the spiritual and moral truths which are found among non-Christian religions.

The Catholic Church has high regard towards the Muslims who, similarly to us Christians, they believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth, they submit themselves to ____________, they worship Jesus as a ______________ and honour his mother Mary, they await judgement day, they live a just life, pray to God and worship him, do good deeds and __________________.

Since in the past there have been great quarrels between the Christians and the Muslims, the Church now pleads to ______________ the past and urges to make efforts to understand each other so that there will be peace, justice, freedom and moral values.

The Catholic Church and the Jews have a common heritage, all that God did in the Old Testament is ________________ for both. Although the Jews failed to ________________ Jesus as the Son of God and still fail to see the Church as the new people of God, our church makes it clear that the Jews are not to be charged with any crimes committed during the passion of Jesus and is against any form of hatred, ________________ or anti-semitism against the Jews.

Jesus Christ accepted to suffer and die out of the ________________ he has for all people, so that all people may know he is the Son of God. This was God’s greatest sign of how much he loves us. The ________________ will continue to proclaim Christ’s infinite love and is to do it in a brotherly, loving way: “He who does not love, does not know God” (1Jn. 4, 8).

The Church is against any form of ________________ among people of different religions, races, colour or condition in life.

The Church respects the members of other religions, giving them the ________________ to practice their beliefs.
Chapter 1 - HW 1: Difficulties regarding spirituality experienced by teenagers

Certain teenagers experience particular difficulties that do not allow them to grow up with a positive attitude towards religion. Mention and explain in your own words three such difficulties and explain the reasons why this may happen to teenagers. Read well Notes: Chapter 1 (pages 2 and 3).

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UNIT 2

A. Match and copy

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<td>It is divided into</td>
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<td>Genesis</td>
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<td>The first five books of the Bible are known as</td>
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<td>The New Testament begins with</td>
<td>the original languages Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic</td>
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<td>The book that comes after the gospels is</td>
<td>two main sections, the Old and the New Testaments.</td>
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<td>The Bible was translated to Maltese from</td>
<td>the Acts of the Apostles.</td>
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<td>Epistles are</td>
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<td>The book of Revelations</td>
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Unit 2
THE WORD OF GOD

Answer the following questions on a foolscap.

Next to each question you are given the pages you are to read before you answer. Do not copy directly from the notes, you are expected to read the text and answer to the point according to the question, answer in short, in your own words, as you understand it. Write your answers on a foolscap.

1. For which two main reasons do we consider the Bible as “The Word of God”? (Refer to Unit 2 Page 16)

2. Although the Bible is a collection of a number of books, why do we treat it as ONE whole book? (Refer to Unit 2 Page 17 no.2)

3. How can we say that the Bible was inspired by God when it was written by human authors? (Refer to Unit 2 Page 17 no.3)

4. When we read a biblical text, which factors are we to take into consideration in order to understand the message contained in it? (Refer to Unit 2 Page 17 no.4)

5. What is the “Canon of the Holy Scripture”? (Refer to Unit 2 Page 19 first paragraph)

6. Why should Christian teenagers like me use the Bible when praying? (Refer to Unit 2 Page 21 – first and second paragraphs)
THE BOOKS IN THE BIBLE

Bring your Bible and find out for yourself:

1. The first five books are: ____________________________
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2. They are known as the ____________________________

3. The first four books of the New Testament are known as the ____________________________

4. They are: ____________________________
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5. After the Gospels we find the Book of ____________________________.

6. We find ____________________________ letters written by the Apostles.
   ____________________________ of them were written by St. Paul.

7. These letters are known as ____________________________

8. The last book of the Bible is the Book of ____________________________
   which was written by ____________________________.
UNIT 3

1. Write a paragraph of about 100 words to explain the following:

(Refer to Added Notes of Unit 3- The Story of Creation and the Theory of Evolution)

Scientific discoveries have proved a different reality of how creation came into being than that of Genesis. Explain what the author meant by the way he presented the story of creation and how science helps us to understand better how God created the universe.

2. Look up the following quotes from “Genesis”, the first book of the Bible and copy them:
   a. Genesis 1,19
      ____________________________________________________________
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   b. Genesis 1,26
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   c. Genesis 1,28
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   d. Genesis 2,2
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   e. Genesis 2,15
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      ____________________________________________________________
   f. Genesis 2,25
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UNIT 4

1. Complete the passage by filling in the missing words

| Priesthood | blood | altar | Covenant | Sea of Reeds | people | obey | Nation | Ten Commandments | tribes | life | Sinai | God | animals |

God’s Covenant with the People of Israel

When Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt by crossing the __________________________, they walked into the desert. Moses went on Mount ______________________ and there God gave him the ______________________.

God told Moses, “You saw what I did to the Egyptians...Now if you listen to me and keep my ______________________ you will be my people from amongst all nations.... You will be a Royal____________________ and a Holy ______________________.”

Moses told the people that ______________________ was choosing them to be “His people” if only they ______________________ His Commandments.

The people said, “We will do whatever the Lord will say.”

In order to seal (sign) this pact, Moses and the people built an ______________________ with twelve pillars which represent the twelve ______________________ of Israel. They offered ______________________ as a sacrifice. Moses took the ______________________ of the animals and sprinkled half of it on the altar and half of it on the people. “Blood” for the Hebrews meant “____________________”, so this blood meant that now God and the people were sharing “one life”; God promised to be with His ______________________ and the people promised to keep him as their God by keeping His Commandments.
2. Read this biblical passage and answer the questions below on a foolscap:

When the Lord saw that Moses was coming closer, he called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Yes, here I am." 5 God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground. 6 I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." So Moses covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the Lord said, "I have seen how cruelly my people are being treated in Egypt; I have heard them cry out to be rescued from their slave drivers. I know all about their sufferings, 8 and so I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of Egypt. I have indeed heard the cry of my people, and I see how the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 Now I am sending you to the king of Egypt so that you can lead my people out of his country." 11 But Moses said to God, "I am nobody. How can I go to the king and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 God answered, "I will be with you, and when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will worship me on this mountain. That will be the proof that I have sent you." 13 But Moses replied, "When I go to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors sent me to you,' they will ask me, "What is his name?' So what can I tell them?" 14 God said, "I am who I am. You must tell them: 'The one who is called I AM has sent me to you.' 15 Tell the Israelites that I, the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, have sent you to them. This is my name forever; this is what all future generations are to call me.

a. Where did Moses' first calling by God take place?
b. What did the voice tell him to do and why?
c. Whose voice was this?
d. How did Moses feel in front of God?
e. What did God command Moses to do?
f. How was Moses' reaction to this command?
g. What did God promise Moses?
h. What did God reveal about himself through this event?
i. Moses took off his sandals and covered his face when he realised he was standing right in front of God. What does it mean to you to “adore” God?
EXODUS: GOD SAYING HIS PEOPLE

1. Which literary form is used by the author of the book of Exodus?
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   _________________________________________________________________

2. For which particular reason did he choose to adopt this type of literary form?
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   _________________________________________________________________

3. Name three miracles that occurred when Moses was leading the people out of Egypt through the Red Sea and later in the desert.
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4. By referring to these events, explain how the author exaggerated them and which natural phenomena took place in reality.
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5. What do these events reveal to us about God?
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**UNIT 5**

**Jesus was a human being like us**

1. Write in your own words about events from the gospels that show that Jesus had the nature of a human being in spite of the fact that he was the Son of God. (Refer to Unit 5 page 49 no.1)

2. Jesus was more than just a man. Give account of the following miracles that shows that Jesus:
   a) could heal the sick.
   b) had power over nature.

**UNIT 6**

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<td>it is faithful to the original teachings as were handed down to us by the Apostles.</td>
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<td>Jesus gave authority to his apostles</td>
<td>because they lived an exemplary Christian life and we keep them as models for our lives</td>
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<td>When we say that the Church is apostolic, we understand that</td>
<td>gives it life and makes it holy.</td>
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<td>Catholic means that</td>
<td>a body with different organs, where everyone is important.</td>
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<td>In the church we honour the Saints</td>
<td>the church is a universal church open for all those who put their faith in Jesus.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>The Holy Spirit is the soul of the church which</td>
<td>the Pope holds the Ecumenical council.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Jesus wanted that everyone will know that we are his disciples from the way</td>
<td>to preach, to baptise, to form a community and forgive people’s sins</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>In order to enhance greater unity among the Christian Churches,</td>
<td>we love and respect each other just as he loved us</td>
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Unit 6

Read Page 81 from Notes of Unit 6 and answer the questions related to the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1. Jesus did not act like the Jews who used to keep away from sinners. Why did Jesus choose to approach sinners instead?

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2. The Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with Levi. To what did Jesus compare himself to give an explanation to the reason why he mixes with sinners?

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3. How did Jesus stop the Jews who were condemning the adulteress and were about to stone her?

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4. Jesus did not simply forgive Zacchaeus for all his wrong doings but He demanded of him to give back whatever he had stolen. What does God expect from us when we go to confess our sins?

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5. Who founded the Sacrament of Reconciliation and when?

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Unit 8

Give a ONE WORD / A PHRASE to the following:

1. The part of mass when the bread and wine change into the body and blood of Jesus. ____________________________
2. The meal that Jesus and the Apostles celebrated before he was crucified. ____________________________.
3. Jesus offered himself as a ____________________________ instead of the lamb that was usually offered on this feast.
4. The feast that reminded them of when Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt. ____________________________.
5. God had made this promise with the people of Israel and at the Last Supper Jesus gave it a new meaning. ____________________________
6. The Eucharistic Celebration that we participate in as a family. ____________________________.
7. We keep Sunday as the Day of the Lord because Jesus’ ________________ happened on this day.
8. Mass is divided into two: the Liturgy of the ____________________________ and the Liturgy of the ____________________________.