# HSC hub – Studies of Religion II

## Examination preparation video supplementary resource

This resource contains supplementary information to support the Studies of Religion II examination preparation video. The content from each slide is contained below, along with a number of useful links from the NESA website pertaining to the contents within the video.

## Key slide content

### Before the exam day

* Download the HSC timetable and highlight all of your exams
* Plan your revision schedule to match up with your exams
* Get a good night sleep before each exam. Late nights will harm your performance
* Eat your breakfast
* Make sure you have all of your equipment ready.

### Materials

NESA allows the following items for **all** HSC examinations:

* **Black** pen (bring spares!)
* Ruler
* Highlighters
* Pencils (2B)
* Sharpener
* Bottle of water in a clear bottle.

### Exam layout

* In Studies of Religion II, the exam has 4 sections:
  + Section I – Multiple Choice and Short Answer (30 marks)
  + Section II – Religious Tradition Depth Studies (Short answer), (30 marks)
  + Section III – Religious Tradition Depth Study (Extended response), (20 marks)
  + Section IV – Religion and Peace Extended Response, (20 marks)
* You will have 5 minutes reading time before you begin the 3 hours of writing time

#### Section I – Multiple Choice and Short Answer

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include and indicative time.
* In this section there are two parts:
  + Part A – Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945
  + Part B – Religion and Non-Religion
* Your answer is not marked on the question paper but on a multiple-choice answer sheet attached to the paper.

##### Let’s look at an example – Section I

2019 – Q4.

Which of the following was significantly affected by post-1945 migration to Australia from England?

1. The number of Hindus in Australia
2. The number of Catholics in Australia
3. The number of Buddhists in Australia
4. The number of Anglicans in Australia

#### Section II – Religious Tradition Depth Studies Short Answer (30 marks)

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include an indicative time. Read the instruction section carefully.
* **Two** depth studies need to be covered in this section. Each question has multiple parts.
* Better responses will include the 3 pillars of religious traditions in their responses.
* This section requires students to write short responses demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of the content studied.

##### Let’s look at an example – Section II

2019 – Q27 (a) (i)

Outline **one** contribution to Judaism of **one** significant person or school of thought, other than Abraham or Moses

Moses Maimonides was a Jewish scholar who contributed to Judaism through his many writings. These include the Mishnah Torah, Commentary on the Mishneh, and Guide for the Perplexed. They highlighted and continue to make clear right Jewish expression for adherents.

#### Section III – Religious Tradition Depth Study Extended Response (20 marks)

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include an indicative time.
* A clear statement outlining how answers are assessed is written at the start of the section. Please read this carefully.
* Five questions are given in this section, however you are asked to attempt only **one**.
* The depth study options chosen in this section **must** be different to the depth studies covered in Section II.
* Your response is written in writing booklets that will be provided at the start of the examination.

##### Let’s look at an example – Section III

2019 – Q29

We truly love God only when we obey him as we should, and then we know we belong to him. If we say we are his, we must follow the example of Christ. 1 John 2:5-6

How does Christianity encourage adherents to follow the example of Christ?

#### Section IV – Religion and Peace Extended Response (20 marks)

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include an indicative time.
* A clear statement outlining how answers are assessed is written at the start of the section. Please read this carefully.
* A clear understanding of the beliefs, sacred texts and practices should inform your arguments. Use evidence from the 3 pillars to support your writing.
* Your response is written in writing booklets that will be provided at the start of the examination.

##### Let’s look at an example – Section IV

2019 – Q33

If you cannot find peace within yourself, you will never find it anywhere else – Marvin Gaye

How do **two** religious traditions guide individual to find peace?

### Ask your teacher

* For other resources for Studies of Religion II
* How to access past papers and the marking guidelines so you can practice exam responses
* For more hints and tips for your exam and how to study effectively – they are the expert you have access to everyday.

## Additional links

* [NESA HSC Exam Packs](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-exam-papers)
* [Studies of Religion Stage 6 Syllabus (2009)](https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/studies-of-religion-2)
* [HSC Exam equipment list](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/exam-equipment-list)
* [HSC Exam Timetable](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable)