



**SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION**

**DIVINITY**

**2014**

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Time: 1 hour

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**Name:** .....

**School:** .....

**Instructions:**

Answers to be written on separate sheets provided.  
Please ensure that you write your name and school on each sheet.

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:**

ALL CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1 IS **COMPULSORY**

PLEASE CHOOSE **ONE FROM QUESTIONS 2, 3 AND 4**

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SPEND ABOUT 30 MINUTES ON EACH QUESTION

**All candidates MUST answer this question:**

- 1) Please read this passage from the Old Testament carefully.

**Daniel 6: 16-24**

*16 Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' <sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.*

*19 Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?' <sup>21</sup>Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.' <sup>23</sup>Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. <sup>24</sup>The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.*

- i) Who are the main characters in this story and what can we learn about them from this passage? [10 marks]
- ii) Thinking about the ways in which people sometimes experience 'peer pressure' in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in what ways might the teaching of this passage be relevant to contemporary society? [10 marks]
- iii) In some parts of the world today, people are persecuted for their faith. What form might that persecution take and what might be done to resist it? [5 marks]
- iv)

**Candidates must answer ONE of these three questions:**

**EITHER**

- 2) *“Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in ... Instead, store up riches for yourselves in Heaven ... For your heart will always be where your riches are.” (Matthew 6: 19-21)*
  - i) What do you consider are the necessities in life and what are the luxuries? [5 marks]
  - ii) What material possessions would you find hardest to do without? [2 marks]
  - iii) What is meant by the term 'materialism'? [2 marks]
  - iv) Explain what Jesus meant when he spoke of storing up riches in heaven. [2 marks]
  - v) How do you think Christians can store up riches in Heaven? [4 marks]
  - vi) Should people be forced to give money to help those who are poorer than they are? Try to provide a balanced response, considering advantages and disadvantages. [10 marks]

**OR**

- 3) You have been asked to represent the School Debating Team. The motion is:

*“This House believes that violence only ever leads to more violence.”*

Make sure you give at least three clear arguments supporting this motion, as well as three clear arguments which argue against the motion. [25 marks]

**OR**

- 4) *“My object all sublime, I shall achieve in time, to let the punishment fit the crime, the punishment fit the crime.”*

- i) What is the difference between a ‘crime’ and a ‘sin’? Give examples to explain your answer. [5 marks]
- ii) Although the death penalty can be legally carried out in some countries, it was abolished in Britain in 1970. Give arguments for and against re-introducing the death penalty in Britain. [10 marks]
- iii) Explain the Christian attitude to forgiveness. [5 marks]
- iv) What does Christianity teach about life after death? [5 marks]