



O'Shea Shield 2017

**St Bernard's College
Lower Hutt**

"Living together in harmony with God's Creation"

Religious Questions' Guidelines

RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS

To be adjudicated in two sections

1. Teams to consist of three members.
2. The adjudicators will put questions on the topic set for the competition. The language of the questions is to be in keeping with the age group, and "Vaticanese" is to be avoided. Team members may **BRIEFLY** confer before replying. A second or third member of the team may offer to add to what another team member has already said – the adjudicators may indicate whether they wish to accept such an offer. They may, of course, invite further elaboration from other members of the team.
3. Each member of the team is expected to contribute answers at some stage of the team's performance.
4. Teams will be questioned for up to 8 minutes. Two bells will be rung: one at 7 minutes and one at 8 minutes. The adjudicators will indicate when they have completed the questions to each team.
5. There will be at least three weeks' notice of the Religious Questions materials. The material be should a maximum of up to three documents consisting of no more than 10,000 words in total – approximately 20 pages.
6. **Guidelines for adjudicators: It will be necessary for the four adjudicators (2 for each section) to meet before the event to decide upon a set of questions which will be asked in each section, i.e. the same questions will be asked regardless of section:**
 - a) Questions should be simply worded
 - b) One question only should be asked at any one time. Questions linked together tend to confuse the candidates.
 - c) Questions should reward thorough study and understanding of the documents designated. Questions should also reflect the impact and application of the texts on everyday life, especially that which is within the teenagers' experience.
 - d) Questions should move beyond factual recall and require the students to engage in faith-filled thinking relevant to young people.
 - e) Number and type of questions should reflect weighting (see Attached sheet)
 - f) Questions must pertain only to the documents being studied.

7. No coaches or teachers are allowed in the holding rooms. The only exception is if a student is ill and requires their school teacher. **All schools must be in the holding rooms before the first team starts the event.**
8. Adjudicators are reminded that the audience are part of the event and the questions need to be asked loudly enough so they can enjoy listening to the participants' answers.

Marks and Awards

The adjudicators' marking schedules have been standardised to totals out of 100. Trophies will be awarded to the person gaining the most marks in each section.

6 points	Distinction award	Excellent standard	86-100%
5 points	Distinction award	High standard	76-85%
4 points	Merit award	Good standard	66-75%
3 points	Merit award	Average standard	51-65%
2 points	Participation award	Completed, below average	31-50%
1 point	Participation award	Incomplete or inadequate	0-30%

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	Maximum Points	Points Gained
Knowledge of Text	35	
Application of Knowledge	25	
Clarity of Thought	15	
Clarity of Expression	15	
Teamwork	10	
Total Number of Marks Gained:	100	
Convert to Points 1-6		

Comments