

External assessment 2023

Stimulus book

Study of Religion

General instruction

- Work in this book will not be marked.

Stimulus 1

John 1:14

14 And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Source: *The Holy Bible*, New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.

Context

John's Gospel is the fourth gospel and uses rich, symbolic language with a theological, rather than historical focus.

Stimulus 2

Excerpt from *The Heart of Hinduism*

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Source: Das, R 2022, *The Heart of Hinduism*, ISKCON Educational Services.

Stimulus 3

Nagasena and the Chariot

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Source: BBC 2022, 'Life and teachings of the Buddha', *BBC Bitesize*.

Context

'Nagasena and the Chariot' is a story used in Buddhism to assist with understanding the concept of *anatta*, no permanent or fixed soul.

Stimulus 4

Surah al-Ma'idah: 8

8 O you who believe! Be upright to God, witnessing with justice; and let not the hatred of a certain people prevent you from acting justly. Adhere to justice, for that is nearer to piety; and fear God. God is informed of what you do.

Surah al-Tawbah: 71

71 The believing men and believing women are friends of one another. They advocate virtue, forbid evil, perform the prayers, practice charity, and obey God and His Messenger. These — God will have mercy on them. God is Noble and Wise.

Source: *Qur'an* 2012, translated by T Itani.

Context

Surah al-Ma'idah is the fifth surah (chapter) of the Qur'an and means 'the table spread'. It refers to honourable actions. Surah al-Tawbah is the ninth surah of the Qur'an and means repentance.

Stimulus 5

'Article 23', *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

1. Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.
2. Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.
3. Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
4. Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Source: United Nations 1948, 'Article 23', *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.

Stimulus 6

Deuteronomy 24:14–17

14 You shall not abuse a needy and destitute labourer, whether a fellow countryman or a stranger in one of the communities of your land. 15 You must pay him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets, for he is needy and urgently depends on it; else he will cry to the LORD against you and you will incur guilt. 16 Parents shall not be put to death for their children, nor children be put to death for parents: a person shall be put to death only for his own crime. 17 You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garment in pawn.¹

Source: *The Jewish Study Bible: Second Edition 2004*, Oxford University Press.

Context

Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Torah, is a book of law.

¹ to sell off for your own advantage

Context

Stimulus 7, 8, 9 and 10 make reference to positions regarding Dalits.

Stimulus 7

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Source: Human Rights Watch 2001, *Caste Discrimination: A global concern*.

Stimulus 8

Bhagavad Gita 5:18

18 The wise perceive the same *Atman*
in a cultivated *brahmin*,
in a cow or an elephant,
even in a dog or outcaste.

Source: *Bhagavad Gita* 2019, Hackett Publishing Company.

Stimulus 9

Excerpt from Gandhi's *India of My Dreams*

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Source: Gandhi, MK 1960, *India of My Dreams*.

Stimulus 10

Excerpt from *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*

Article 4

1. All States shall take effective measures to prevent and eliminate discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief in the recognition, exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in all fields of civil, economic, political, social and cultural life.
2. All States shall make all efforts to enact or rescind legislation where necessary to prohibit any such discrimination, and to take all appropriate measures to combat intolerance on the grounds of religion or belief in this matter.

Source: United Nations 1981, *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*.

Context

Stimulus 11, 12, 13 and 14 refer to Desmond Tutu (1931–2021), a South African Anglican Archbishop. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his role in fighting apartheid (race segregation) in South Africa. Archbishop Tutu was a tireless campaigner for human rights and pursued justice and equality; in his later life he used his influence to advocate for the environment.

Stimulus 11

Excerpt from Archbishop Tutu’s article ‘We fought apartheid. Now climate change is our global enemy’

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Source: Tutu, D 2014, ‘We fought apartheid. Now climate change is our global enemy’, *The Guardian*.

Stimulus 12

Excerpt from ‘Remembering Desmond Tutu’s incredible contribution to the environment, climate & clean energy transition’

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Source: Rosenberg, L 2022, ‘Remembering Desmond Tutu’s incredible contribution to the environment, climate & clean energy transition’, *Business and Human Rights Resource Centre*.

Stimulus 13

Excerpt from Archbishop Tutu's article 'This fatal complacency'

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Source: Tutu, D 2007, 'This fatal complacency', *The Guardian*.

Stimulus 14

Excerpt from Archbishop Tutu's message to the Copenhagen UN Climate summit, 2009

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Source: Tutu, D 2009, 'COP 15 — International calls for action', *United Nations Climate Change*.

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