

The syllabus focuses on religious education rather than religious instruction, the emphasis is on the development of knowledge and insight that will enable students to clarify their own beliefs and to understand the belief systems of others.

Persons who are interested in any of the following careers should seriously consider studying Religious Education:

- **Law**
- **Politics**
- **Medicine**
- **Arbitration**
- **Counselling**
- **Interpreting**
- **Diplomatic Service**
- **Religious Vocation**
- **International Trade**
- **International Relations**

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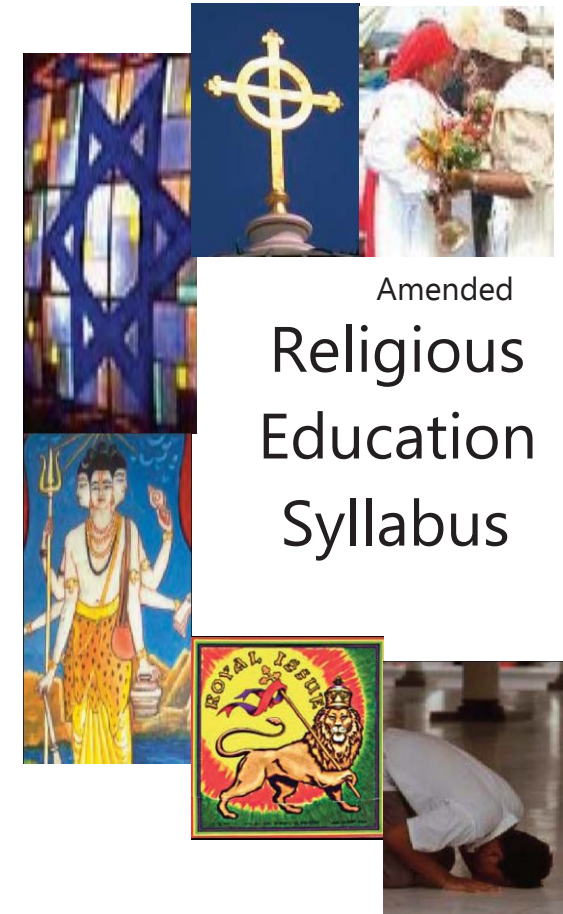
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The Caribbean Examinations Council is pleased to announce an amendment to the CSEC Religious Education Syllabus. Beginning 2012 candidates intending to sit the CSEC Religious Education examination can choose an option for Paper 02 other than Christianity.

Beginning with the May/June 2012 examinations candidates will be able to choose from the following Options:



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism

The CSEC Religious Education syllabus enables candidates to foster understanding, appreciation and respect for the religious, ethnic, cultural, political and other aspects of plurality in the Caribbean.

The study of religion will help persons to:

- 1) understand their society;
- 2) understand the belief systems of others;
- 3) clarify their own belief systems;
- 4) deal with problems; and
- 5) resolve conflicts.

The Amended Syllabus consists of: 1) a Core; and 2) four Options. Each candidate for the examination must study the Core and one Option.

THE CORE

The Core emphasizes the beliefs and practices of four world religions (viz. Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism) and six indigenous religions in the Caribbean (viz Rastafari, Revivalism, Vodun, Orisha, Spiritual Baptist, Santería). This section is intended to provide a foundation for the study of the central concepts of the religion that will follow in the Options.

The Core is examined in Paper 01 (the Multiple Choice Paper).





OPTIONS

Each Option explores the meaning and purpose of life from the perspective of each religion and the application of its teaching and principles to the challenges and demands of Caribbean society. Each Option is a study of a major world religion.

Four religions will be examined in the Options.

The Options will be examined in Paper 02 which is an essay paper consisting of 4 questions.

Candidates must select one Option for the Paper 02 examination.

<p>OPTION A CHRISTIANITY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Life Issues • The Bible • God • Concept of Sin and Salvation
<p>OPTION B HINDUISM</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Life Issues • The Ramayan/Bhagvad Geeta • The Absolute and Avatars • Concept of Sin and Liberation
<p>OPTION C ISLAM</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Life Issues • The Holy Qur'an • Concept of Allah • Concept of Sin, Punishment and Reward
<p>OPTION D JUDAISM</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Life Issues • The Tenakh • God • Festival and Observances