

Assessment Report

New Zealand Scholarship Religious Studies 2022

Standard 93603

Part A: Commentary

There was a great range of responses showing a good level of engagement to the examination. However, candidate responses demonstrated that synthesis and analysis were the most difficult aspects of the examination.

Many elements in the question made it challenging for candidates to engage with. Some candidates chose to cover all elements but in a scant way. Others chose a few of the elements and went into more depth within their response.

It was good to see a range of religious texts being dealt with in candidate responses. However, more could have been said about religious practices.

Some candidates delved into an interesting discussion about religion and what defines religion.

Part B: Report on performance standard

Candidates who were awarded Scholarship with **Outstanding Performance** commonly:



- maintained and sustained the level of argument and thought across their writing in a clear way
- coped well with a broad range of counterarguments that were part of their response
- showed complex analysis of the issues raised in the question about women and religion
- were able to synthesise ideas and the realities as they came across, in both a historical and contemporary sense of religion.

Candidates who were awarded **Scholarship** commonly:

- had an accurate and thoughtful approach to religious knowledge and their interpretation arising from that
- gave an argument and responded in some way to the issue of counterargument to the ideas put forward
- showed a way of synthesising their knowledge which helped lead to conclusions grounded historically or in contemporary settings
- had engaged meaningfully with the chosen question in seeking to offer an answer.

Candidates who were **not** awarded Scholarship commonly:

- contained errors regarding religious knowledge that were intrusive to their argument
 - struggled to engage with counter viewpoints or evidence
 - needed to respond to the question in greater detail or depth
 - wrote responses that were simplistic.
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