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New Zealand Qualifications Authority

Scholarship 2024

Religious Studies

Time allowed: Three hours

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**You should answer ONE of the questions in this booklet.**

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Question	Score
Analysis and critical thinking	
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Development, precision, clarity	
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**DEBATE ABOUT THE COMPLEMENTARITY OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION****INSTRUCTIONS**

Choose ONE of the questions below. Write an essay that answers the question you have chosen in relation to the debate about the complementarity of science and religion.

Space for planning is provided on page 4 of this booklet. Begin your answer on page 5.

**EITHER: QUESTION ONE**

— Carl Sagan, cosmologist

— Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist

Questioning strongly held religious beliefs and scientific theories is difficult for some, but it has been argued that the search for truth in both science and religion needs an openness to questioning and testing.

How might a willingness to question and test beliefs and hypotheses, both religious and scientific, contribute to the debate about the complementarity of science and religion?

**OR: QUESTION TWO**

— Dame Muriel Spark, novelist and short story writer

— Stephen Hawking, mathematician and physicist

The differences in scientific and religious approaches to understanding the world, and life, can be a strong combination for the betterment of humankind and the planet.

What challenges might there be to science and religion working together to address issues such as poverty, global warming, environmental disasters, pandemics, or times of societal collapse?

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## PLANNING

Select (✓) ONE essay question to answer.



### Question One

## Question Two

































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