

**Australia  
ISSP 2008 – Religion III  
Questionnaire**



# Instructions

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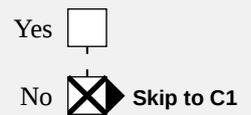
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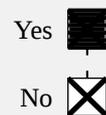
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## Section A - Religion

**A1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...**

Very happy

Fairly happy

Not very happy

Not at all happy

Can't choose

**A2. Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage?**

Always wrong

Almost always wrong

Wrong only sometimes

Not wrong at all

Can't choose

**A3. What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife, is it...**

Always wrong

Almost always wrong

Wrong only sometimes

Not wrong at all

Can't choose

**A4. And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex, is it...**

Always wrong

Almost always wrong

Wrong only sometimes

Not wrong at all

Can't choose





**A9. We are interested in the extent to which you have moved from one kind of place to another. Which do you think is most like your experience of life?**

I have lived in different countries

I have lived in different places in the same country

I have lived in different neighbourhoods in the same place

I have always lived in the same neighbourhood

**A10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
Religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A11. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree...**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
Overall, modern science does more harm than good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A12. Do you think that churches and religious organisations in this country have too much power or too little power?**

Far too much power

Too much power

About the right amount of power

Too little power

Far too little power

Can't choose



**A13. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
All religious groups in Australia should have equal rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We must respect all religions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A14. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours...**

	Definitely accept	Probably accept	Probably not accept	Definitely not accept	Can't choose
Marrying a relative of yours?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Being a candidate of the political party you prefer?	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**A15. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...**

	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose
Hold public meetings to express their views?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Publish books expressing their views?	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**A16. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.**

I don't believe in God.

I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out.

I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind.

I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others.

While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God.

I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it.

**A17. Which best describes your beliefs about God?**

I don't believe in God now and I never have.

I don't believe in God now, but I used to.

I believe in God now, but I didn't used to.

I believe in God now and I always have.

Can't choose











**A23. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?**

**When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?**

	Mother	Father
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than once a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
About once or twice a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Several times a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
About once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-3 times a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nearly every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Several times a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No mother/father, mother/father not present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't say/Can't remember	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A24. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?**

Never	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than once a year	<input type="checkbox"/>
About once or twice a year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Several times a year	<input type="checkbox"/>
About once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-3 times a month	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nearly every week	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every week	<input type="checkbox"/>
Several times a week	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't say/Can't remember	<input type="checkbox"/>



Now thinking about the present...

**A25. About how often do you pray?**

- Never
- Less than once a year
- About once or twice a year
- Several times a year
- About once a month
- 2-3 times a month
- Nearly every week
- Every week
- Several times a week
- Once a day
- Several times a day

**A26. How often do you take part in the activities or organisations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?**

- Never
- Less than once a year
- About once or twice a year
- Several times a year
- About once a month
- 2-3 times a month
- Nearly every week
- Every week
- Several times a week

**A27. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a crucifix, icon or menorah?**

- Yes
- No



**A28. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to a church, mosque or temple?**

Please do not count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

- Never
- Less than once a year
- About once or twice a year
- Several times a year
- About once a month or more

**A29. Would you describe yourself as...**

- Extremely religious
- Very religious
- Somewhat religious
- Neither religious nor non-religious
- Somewhat non-religious
- Very non-religious
- Extremely non-religious
- Can't choose

**A30. What best describes you:**

- I follow a religion and consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.
- I follow a religion, but don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.
- I don't follow a religion, but consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.
- I don't follow a religion and don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.
- Can't choose

**A31. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own views:**

- There is very little truth in any religion
- There are basic truths in many religions
- There is truth only in one religion
- Can't choose



**A32. Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to...**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
Find inner peace and happiness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet the right kind of people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A33. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?**

	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Can't choose
Christians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Muslims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jews	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Atheists or non-believers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section B - Government services**

**B1. If the government had a choice between reducing personal income taxes or increasing social spending on services like health and education which do you think it should do?**

Strongly favour reducing taxes

Mildly favour reducing taxes

Depends

Mildly favour increasing social spending

Strongly favour increasing social spending

Can't choose





**B5. We would like to ask you some questions about government welfare benefits in Australia today. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
Cutting welfare benefits would damage too many people's lives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People who receive welfare benefits should be under more obligation to find work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is too hard to qualify for welfare benefits in Australia today.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All families deserve payments from the government to help with the costs of raising children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Around here most unemployed people could find a job if they really wanted to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welfare benefits make people lazy and dependent.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most people getting welfare benefits are trying to find a job.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The government should limit the length of time that people can get welfare benefits even if they end up without an income.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single parents deserve government payments so they can be home to raise their children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B6. Over the last couple of years, do you think the following have increased or decreased or stayed the same?**

	Increased a lot	Increased a little	Stayed the same	Decreased a little	Decreased a lot	Can't choose
Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Prices	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The standard of health services including Medicare	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The standard of public education	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**B7. Thinking of income levels generally in Australia today, would you say that the gap between those with high incomes and those with low incomes is... ?**

Much too large

Too large

About right

Too small

Much too small

Can't choose



## Section C - Birth control and sex education

Now we would like to ask you some questions about birth control and sex education

**C1. Do you currently use any method of family planning, fertility control or contraception?**

Yes

No  **Skip to C4**

**C2. What method of family planning, fertility control or contraception do you use?**

*Choose one*

Contraceptive pill

IUD, Depo-Provera injection or implant

Diaphragm or cervical cap (with or without spermicide)

Vasectomy / tubal ligation

Condom

Natural method(s) (e.g., Billings ovulation method, symptothermal / temperature method, periodic abstinence)

Breastfeeding

Other

Don't know what my partner uses

**C3. What is MOST IMPORTANT to you in choosing a method of fertility control or contraception?**

*Choose one only*

Reliability (highly effective in preventing pregnancy)

Convenience

It's not a risk to my health

My religious beliefs or moral values

It was recommended by my doctor

There's no restriction on when I can have sex

It's the method I know most about

It's the method that most of my friends use

My partner takes responsibility for birth control

I don't know anything about other methods

I don't use any method of birth control or contraception



**C4. If at any time you wanted to know more about your fertility, for example, to be able to recognise when during the month woman is fertile and infertile, where would you be MOST LIKELY to look for information?**

*Choose one only*

- Internet
- A health centre
- Your GP or other doctor
- A pharmacy
- A friend or colleague
- Newspapers or magazines
- Somewhere else
- It's not something I'd be interested in
- Don't know
- Not applicable

**C5. If you think that sex education should be taught in schools, who do you think should teach it?**

*Choose one only*

- Home room / pastoral care teachers
- Sports or PE teachers
- Science teachers
- Religious education teachers
- Teachers from the school who are specially trained in sex education
- Specialists in sex education from outside the school
- Parents and teachers working together
- I don't think sex education should be taught in schools
- Don't know



**C6. If you think that sex education should be taught in schools, do you think its content should be... ?**

*Choose one only*

Sexual and reproductive health and fertility control

Relationships, values and responsibilities

Both the above answers

I don't think sex education should be taught in schools

Don't know

## Section D - Australia's Population

The next few questions are about population growth. In 2008-09 immigration to Australia was higher than in any other year.

**D1. Do you think Australia needs more people?**

Yes

No  **Skip to D4**

**D2. If you answered 'Yes' to question D1, how would you like the population to grow?**

*Please choose only one option*

Encourage people to have more children

Encourage more migrants to come

Encourage both migrants and larger families

**D3. If you answered 'Yes' to question D1, please indicate your top two reasons for thinking that Australia needs more people.**

- A. We need more people for economic growth.
- B. Having more people means more cultural diversity.
- C. We could ease overpopulation overseas by taking in more migrants.
- D. A larger population could make it easier to defend Australia.
- E. We need skilled migrants for the work force.
- F. Having more babies and/or migrants could counteract the ageing of the population.
- G. We may need to increase total migration so that we can take in more refugees.
- H. More people could boost the housing industry and help support property prices.
- I. A larger population could give Australia more say in world affairs.

*Write the letters that match your reasons in the two boxes.*

First reason

Second reason

*Thank you – now please go to section E, question E1.*



**D4. If you answered 'No' to question D1, please indicate your top two reasons for thinking that Australia does *not* need more people.**

- A. Our cities are too crowded and there is too much traffic.
- B. We have too much cultural diversity already.
- C. We could still take refugees without high total migration.
- D. Population growth makes it harder for Australia to cut total greenhouse gas emissions.
- E. The cost of housing is too high.
- F. The natural environment is stressed by the numbers we already have.
- G. Having more people could make unemployment worse.
- H. Australia might not have enough water for more people.
- I. We should train our own skilled people, not take them from other countries.

Write the letters that match your reasons in the two boxes.

First reason

Second reason

## Section E - Environment

**E1. Do you, personally, use less water now than you did 5 years ago because you are concerned about the environment?**

Yes, use less water because of the environment

Yes, use less water but NOT because of the environment

About the same amount

No, use more water now

**E2. Do you, personally, use less electricity now than you did 5 years ago because you are concerned about the environment?**

Yes, use less because of the environment

Yes, use less but NOT because of the environment

About the same amount

No, use more electricity now

**E3. Do you, personally, recycle more now than you did 5 years ago because you are concerned about the environment?**

Yes, recycle more because of the environment

Yes, recycle more but NOT because of the environment

About the same amount

No, recycle less now







**F2. How would you rate the following problems in your local area?**

	A very big problem	A fairly big problem	Not a very big problem	Not a problem at all
Rubbish and litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graffiti on footpaths and walls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsupervised groups of young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People drunk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People dealing illicit drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F3. How worried are you that the following will occur to you?**

	Very worried	Fairly worried	Not very worried	Not worried at all
Being physically attacked at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being physically attacked on the street or other public space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being sexually assaulted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having your home/place of residence being broken into	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having your identity stolen via the Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having your credit card stolen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having your credit card details used illegally via the Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F4. How much confidence do you have in the police...**

	A great deal of confidence	Quite a lot of confidence	Not very much confidence	None at all
to solve crime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
to prevent crime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
to respond quickly to crime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
to act fairly when dealing with people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F5. Have you had any contact with the police in the past year?**

Yes

No  **Skip to F7**

**F6. If yes, what kind of contact?**

*Select all that apply*

Random breath test

Reporting a crime

Traffic infringement

Being a suspect in a crime

Being a victim of a crime

Calling police for assistance

Other



**F7. Have you had any contact with the criminal courts (magistrates, district or higher courts) in the past year?**

Yes

No

**F8. How much confidence do you have in the criminal courts...**

	A great deal confidence	Quite a lot of confidence	Not very much confidence	None at all
To have regard for defendants' rights?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To have regard for victims' rights?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To deal with matters quickly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To deal with matters fairly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F9. How much confidence do you have in prisons...**

	A great deal confidence	Quite a lot of confidence	Not very much confidence	None at all
To rehabilitate prisoners?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To act as a form of punishment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To deter future offending?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To teach practical skills to prisoners?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**F10. Do you think that the level of crime in Australia has changed over the past 2 years?**

A lot more crime

A little more crime

About the same

A little less crime

A lot less crime

Don't know

The following question asks you to give an answer out of 100. If you are not sure about the number, please give your best guess.

**F11. Of every 100 crimes recorded by the police, roughly what number do you think involve VIOLENCE or the THREAT of violence? (0-100)**

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**F12. Of every 100 people charged with a violent crime and brought to court, roughly what number do you think end up convicted? (0-100)**

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**F13. Now I would like you to think about the kinds of sentence that are imposed for assault.**

**Out of every 100 men aged 18 or over who are CONVICTED of ASSAULT, how many do you think are sent to prison? (0-100)**

**F14. Now turning to home burglary. Out of every 100 MEN aged 18 or over who are convicted of HOME BURGLARY, how many do you think are sent to prison?**

## Section G - Dental care

**G1. Which of the following approaches to providing dental care would you prefer?**

The current arrangements where most people pay for private dental care, which can be partly or fully claimed through private insurance, and where some people are covered by a public dental scheme if they qualify

A new public dental scheme that included free basic treatment on Medicare for everyone - even if the Medicare levy had to rise slightly to pay for it

## Section H - Politics & Society

**H1. In our society there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from top to bottom.**

**Where would you put yourself on this scale?**

**Top 10**

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

**Bottom 1**







## Section I - Religiosity & Spiritual Life

**I1. In every-day life, how important is religious faith or spirituality to you in giving you...**

	1 - Not important at all	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Very important
Values to live by?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to God or a spiritual power that helps you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**I2. Of the following issues, which TWO do you think are most critical for human societies today?**

*Please cross two boxes*

- Social justice - promoting equality of opportunity, protecting vulnerable people.
- Environment - caring for the environment and finding solutions to environmental problems
- Family life - encouraging families to provide care and support for each other
- Economy - creating jobs and economic opportunities
- Meaning and purpose - helping individuals to find meaning and purpose in life
- Security - fighting crime, terrorism and 'rogue' states
- Freedom - protecting freedom of speech and promoting democratic rights
- Spirituality - encouraging exploration of the spiritual dimension of life
- Community - encouraging people to contribute to community wellbeing
- Tolerance - encouraging acceptance of religious, ethnic and social differences

**I3. Sometimes it is not clear what is right or wrong. In such circumstances, which of the following gives you the best guidance?**

*Please cross one box*

- The laws of society
- The teaching of your church or religious organisation
- The Bible or the Scriptures of your religion
- Whatever does least harm to people
- Whatever contributes most to the enjoyment of life
- Whatever is fairest to all the people that might be affected
- Whatever best protects people's rights and enhances their dignity
- Whatever contributes most to the community as a whole, that is, 'the common good'



**I4. In my own experience I have found religious teaching about morality generally...**

*Please cross one box*

Negative and restricting

A helpful guide for life

Important to my growth as a person

Largely irrelevant to me

**I5. Has there ever been a time when, as an adult, you have attended religious services fairly frequently, at least monthly?**

Yes

No

**I6. How many of your close friends attend church on a regular basis?**

None

Some

Most

All

Don't know

**I7. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

Strongly agree    Agree    Neither agree nor disagree    Disagree    Strongly disagree

There is something beyond this life that makes sense of it all  .....  .....  .....  .....

I think we should just believe and not question our beliefs  .....  .....  .....  .....

Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an actual historical event  .....  .....  .....  .....



**I8. Which of the following philosophies of life has had most influence on how you live today?**

*Please cross one box*

Christian faith and teachings

Jewish faith and teachings

Muslim faith and teachings

Hindu thinking and teachings

Buddhist thinking or philosophies

People, ideas or groups connected with the New Age movement

A philosophy of life associated with nature, land or the environment

Secular or humanistic thinking and teaching

Some other philosophy of life

Don't know/Nothing in particular comes to mind

**I9. Apart from religious services of worship, how often do you attend such activities as eastern meditation, new age groups, or discussion groups to explore spiritual or religious matters?**

Never, practically never

Less than once a year

Once or twice a year

Several times a year

Once a month

Two or three times a month

Once a week

More than once a week

**I10. How important is your religious faith or spirituality in shaping your life's decisions, such as career, relationships and life style choices?**

Very important

Important

Of little importance

Not important



**I11. What type of school do your children currently attend, or used to attend, at primary and secondary levels?**

*Cross one box in each column; if more than one applies, choose the type attended for the longest period*

	Primary school	Secondary school
Government school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church-based low fee school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church-based high fee school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other low fee school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other high fee school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable or No children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**I12. During the past 12 months, have you had contact in any of the following ways with a church, a religious organisation or a Christian welfare agency (e.g. Anglicare, St Vincent de Paul Society, Mission Australia, Salvation Army, UnitingCare)**

*Cross up to FOUR primary contacts*

- Received help such as food, clothing, rent assistance
- Bought second-hand clothing or goods at an Opportunity Shop
- Resident in aged care accommodation (you or a person you care for)
- Used community based services for the aged or disabled, for you or a person you care for (e.g. day centre, respite, in-home nursing)
- Used a pre-school or play group
- Used a counselling service (e.g. Lifeline, Wesley Counselling)
- Used an employment service or vocational training
- Been visited by a minister, priest or chaplain (e.g. while in hospital, at work, at home)



**I13. Whether or not you are religiously active, which of the following media do you find most interesting to inform you about religious affairs?**

*Cross up to TWO options*

Christian print media - e.g. newspapers, journals, magazines, bulletins, books

Christian electronic media (e.g. TV, Radio and/or websites)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) TV, Radio and/or websites

SBS TV, Radio and/or websites

Commercial TV, Radio and/or websites

General media - newspapers, magazines, websites

Other religious non-Christian media

None of the above

## Section J - Personal Background

Now we would like to finish up by asking you some questions about your background. The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.

**J1. Firstly, are you...**

Female

Male

**J2. When were you born? Just the year will do.**

Year of birth

**J3. All up, how many years of education have you completed?**

*Please include all primary and secondary schooling, and studies you've undertaken after high school (i.e TAFE and university)*

*If your study was part time, give the number of years of equivalent full-time study.*

Number of years

**J4. What is the highest level of high school education you have completed?**

Did NOT go to school

Did NOT complete High School to Year 10

Completed High School to Year 10

Completed High School to Year 12

Still at High School  **Skip to J6**











**J21. Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?**

Yes

No

**J22. Would you say you now live in...**

A rural area or village

A small country town (under 10,000 people)

A larger country town (over 10,000 people)

A large town (over 25,000 people)

Outer metropolitan area of a major city (over 100,000 people)

Inner metropolitan area of a major city (over 100,000 people)

**J23. What is your current marital status?**

Single, never married

De facto

Married

Divorced

Separated but not divorced

Widowed

**J24. Do you live together with a partner?**

Yes

No

**J25. Are you...**

Heterosexual or straight

Bisexual

Gay

Transgendered

Can't choose

**J26. How many people live in your house (including yourself)?**

People



**J27. Thinking about the people OTHER THAN YOURSELF who live in your house, please tell us how old each person is and select the option that describes your relationship with each of them.**

*Complete for each person living in your house*

Person 2    Person 3    Person 4    Person 5    Person 6    Person 7    Person 8    Person 9

**Age**  
(in years)

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**Relationship**  
(select only one)

Partner	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Child or step-child	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Father/step-father/father-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Mother/step-mother/mother-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Brother/step-brother/brother-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Sister/step-sister/ sister-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Grandfather	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Grandson	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Other male relative	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Other female relative	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Other male (i.e. friend or flatmate)	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Other female (i.e. friend or flatmate)	<input type="checkbox"/>							

**J28. In general, would you say your health is...**

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

Can't choose







**J34. Now a question about share ownership. Do you own shares in any company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (shares registered in your name or that of your family company)?**

No, don't own any shares

Yes, in one company

Yes, in two to five companies

Yes, in six to ten companies

Yes, in more than ten companies

**J35. What is your gross annual income, before tax or other deductions, from all sources?  
Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.**

*Please cross one box only*

Nil income

\$1 - \$119 per week (\$1 - \$6,239 per year)

\$120 - \$159 per week (\$6,240 - \$8,319 per year)

\$160 - \$199 per week (\$8,320 - \$10,399 per year)

\$200 - \$299 per week (\$10,400 - \$15,599 per year)

\$300 - \$399 per week (\$15,600 - \$20,799 per year)

\$400 - \$499 per week (\$20,800 - \$25,999 per year)

\$500 - \$599 per week (\$26,000 - \$31,199 per year)

\$600 - \$699 per week (\$31,200 - \$36,399 per year)

\$700 - \$799 per week (\$36,400 - \$41,599 per year)

\$800 - \$999 per week (\$41,600 - \$51,999 per year)

\$1,000 - \$1,499 per week (\$52,000 - \$77,999 per year)

\$1,500 - \$1,999 per week (\$78,000 - \$103,999 per year)

\$2,000 or more per week (\$104,000 or more per year)



**J36. What is your gross household income, before tax or other deductions, from all sources?**

**Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.**

*If you are the only income earner in your household, please select SAME AS ABOVE*

SAME AS ABOVE

\$1 - \$199 per week (\$1- \$10,399 per year)

\$200 - \$299 per week (\$10,400 - \$15,599 per year)

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\$1,500 - \$1,999 per week (\$78,000 - \$103,999 per year)

\$2,000 - \$2,499 per week (\$104,000 - \$129,999 per year)

\$2,500 - \$3,499 per week (\$130,000 - \$181,999 per year)

\$3,500 or more per week (\$182,000 or more per year)

## Section K - Partner's information

If you do not have a partner, this is the end of the questionnaire. Please put the questionnaire in the pre-paid reply envelope and post it back to us. We really appreciate your cooperation and effort!

If you have a partner, please continue

**K1. Is your partner...**

Female

Male







**K9. What is the highest level of education your partner has completed since leaving high school?**

None

Trade qualification or apprenticeship

Certificate or Diploma (TAFE or business college)

Bachelor Degree (including Honours)

Postgraduate Degree or Postgraduate Diploma

**K10. What is your partner's gross annual income, before tax or other deductions, from all sources? Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.**

Nil income

\$1 - \$119 per week (\$1 - \$6,239 per year)

\$120 - \$159 per week (\$6,240 - \$8,319 per year)

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That is the end of the questionnaire

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