

HSC Society and Culture

Assessment Task (Belief Systems)

Outcomes assessed

The student:

- H2 analyses relationships within and between social and cultural groups
- H4 evaluates continuity and change, and assesses social futures and strategies for change and the implications for societies and cultures
- H6 applies and evaluates the methodologies of social and cultural research
- H7 applies appropriate language and concepts associated with society and culture
- H8 selects, organises and evaluates information and sources for usefulness, validity and bias

The task

- 1 Construct and apply a questionnaire to ascertain perceptions about Islam in your local area.

OR

Interview an adherent to the Islamic belief system about the choice and importance of their beliefs and submit the conclusions from your interview.

OR

Use statistical analysis to examine the extent and trends of adherence to Islam and Christianity in Australia. Account for similarities and/or differences and submit your findings.

OR

Conduct a focus group on the role of socialisation in adherence to Islam and submit your findings.

- 2 Explain and justify your choice of methodology.
- 3 Present your findings in a manner which shows:
 - what you were trying to find out
 - how you went about your research
 - what you actually found out
 - how you selected, organised and evaluated information and sources to come to your conclusions
 - what implications you feel your findings have for the future of Islam in Australia.

Question 1 is worth 5 marks (and will require evidence of what you have done, such as a copy of the questionnaire and the number of people who filled them in).

Question 2 is worth 5 marks (which will be allocated holistically, based on both your explanation of your choice—what you did, and your justification of your choice—and how you did it).

Question 3 is worth 10 marks (and marks will be allocated in a holistic way, considering your response to all five parts of the question).

You will be assessed on your ability to:

- prepare an appropriate methodological enquiry into an aspect of Islam.
- apply that methodology
- explain and justify that methodology
- present the findings of your research in a sustained and logical way
- apply concepts appropriate to this Depth Study

Marking criteria

Criteria	Mark
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ prepares a clear and logical methodology▪ prepares a methodology appropriate to the enquiry▪ applies the methodology in a direct and appropriate way▪ explains and justifies the methodology clearly and effectively▪ communicates the findings using appropriate language and concepts	16–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ prepares a clear methodology▪ prepares a methodology linked to the enquiry▪ clearly applies the methodology▪ explains and justifies the methodology clearly▪ communicates the findings using appropriate language and concepts	11–15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ prepares a methodology▪ establishes some links to the enquiry▪ applies the methodology▪ explains and justifies the methodology▪ communicates the findings using some appropriate language and concepts	6–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ limited preparation of a methodology▪ vague links to the enquiry▪ little application of the methodology▪ limited attempts to explain and justify the methodology▪ communicates findings with very little reference to appropriate language and concepts	1–5

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Feedback sheet

Student: _____

Outcome	Achieved/comment
H2	
H4	
H6	
H7	
H8	

Type of methodology:

Mark: /5

Explanation:

Justification:

Mark: /5

Future:

Mark: /10:

Total mark: /20

General comments: