Religion and Secularisation in the UK

Before the lecture begins, you will have 10 minutes to read through this document. During the lecture, you should complete the questions according to the instructions given. After the lecture you will have 30 minutes to complete and check your answers.

PART A

In sections 1 and 2 complete the gaps using the exact words given by the lecturer. One word is required per gap: (one mark per gap).

Example: Religious education remains a compulsory component of the national

school curriculum (1 mark)

Section I: Introduction

Ques	stion Number	Mark
1	Attendances at the majority of churches in England are	1
2	The very role of the church at the heart of English communities has been, challenged by a combination of factors.	1
3	My use of the term 'secularisation' will be far more general. In the context of my talk the term will be used to refer to athrough which there is a loss of and power on the part of organised religion in society.	1

Section 2: The Church of England

4	The Church of England, also known as the Anglican Church, is one of the country's, or official, churches.	2
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5	Unlike the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England does not recognise the	2
6	The roots of the Church of England can be found in the	1 2 2 2 2 2
7	Conflict came to a head in England in	1 2
8	During the following 2 centuries the Church of England became far more Protestant, that is non-Catholic, in	2
9	Another group which is	2 2 1
10	Essentially the Church of England has learned to become a church of between the various competing	2
11	These differences rarely to fierce public debate, but in the 1980s, the Church was bitterly over the ordination of women priests.	1 1
12	There are over	1 1 2
13	The Church of England is in the House of Lords, with Bishops able to influence the way the country is	1 1

14	The law schools in England to hold a daily of worship of a broadly Christian nature.	2	
15	A third of all take place in Anglican churches.	1	Ī

Section 3: Other Christian Churches

In section 3 provide <u>answers</u> to the questions in the space given. It is not necessary to use the exact words of the lecturer or to write in complete sentences.

Example: How many Roman Catholics are there in the UK?

approximately 5 million

16	What is the conflict in Northern Ireland mainly to do with?	
	1) a question of	3
	2) political and cultural control	
	3)	3
17	Many smaller Protestant churches are gaining new members. (circle your answer)	
	True False	1
18	What does the term 'evangelical' place more emphasis on? (circle your answer)	1
	1) the bible and religious practice	
	2) the bible and religious belief	
	3) the bible and religious traditions	

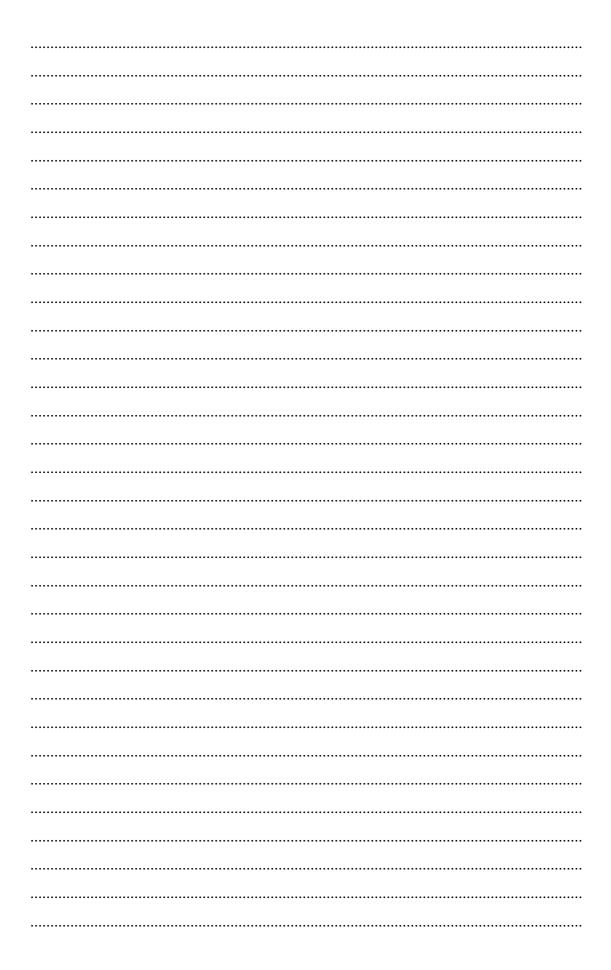
19	How many members do the non-conformist churches have?	
	1) The Methodist Union: 450,000;	
	2) The Baptists;	1
	3) The United Reform Church;	1
	4) The Salvation Army: 56,000.	

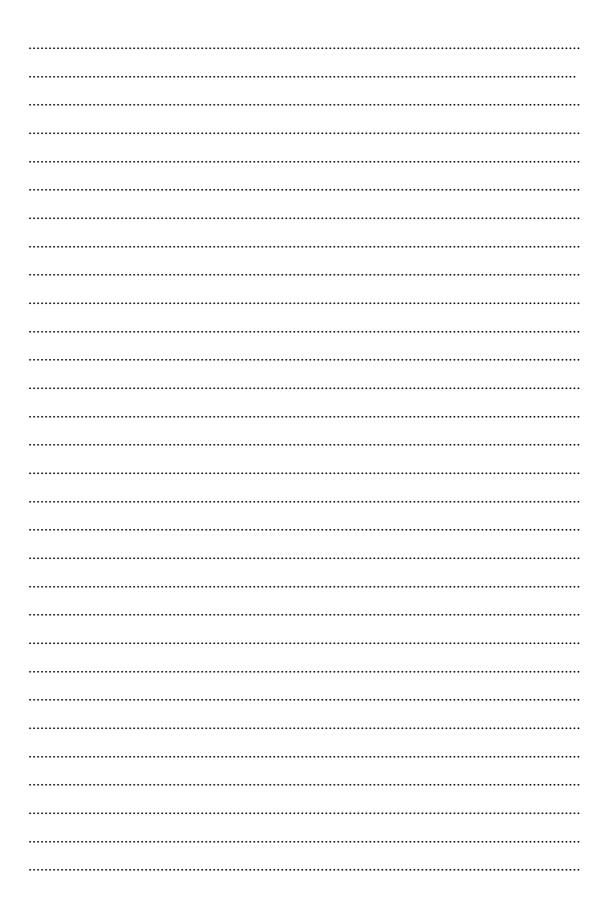
TOTAL MARKS FOR PART A (SECTIONS 1, 2 & 3): 50 marks

PART B

TAKE NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING THREE SECTIONS OF THE LECTURE:

Section 4:	Other faiths
Section 5:	Secularisation
Section 6:	Conclusion
At the end of answer the que	the lecture you will be given a task sheet to complete. Use your notes to estions.
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PART B: QUESTION SHEET

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM YOUR NOTES

Section 4: Other faiths

20	Complete the data given about Judaism:	
	1) How many Jews are there in Britain?	2
	2) What percentage of people attend a synagogue?	2
	3) How many people are synagogue members? (circle your answer)	
	a) 70,000 b) 80,000 c) 90,000	1
21	Jews came to Britain in the last century to escape persecution. (circle your answer)	
	True False	1
22	In which area do Muslims feel they lack equal recognition?	
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23	1) For world rejecting movements the community is more important than the	
	individual True / False	2

24	Word affirming movements see the source of unhappiness in the individual	
	True / False	2
25	How do new 'world accommodating' religions see religious experience?	
		2
	•	
	2) Which Christian Churches fall in this 3rd group?(circle one from the list below)	1
	• evangelical	
	• ecclesiastical	
	• secularist	
	• non-conformist	

Section 5: Secularisation

26	In 1970 how many adults considered themselves to be members of Christian churches? (circle your answer)	1
	1) 12.7%	
	2) 20.7%	
	3) 30.7%	

What do the varying figures on church membership show in relation to London and the regions?	
	6
How many people visited Westminster Abbey in 1987? (circle your answer)	1
1) 3.7 million	
2) 13.7 million	
3) 37 million	
According to Abercrombie and Ward: 1) Why has the Church of England become less involved in political processes?	
	3
2) What kind of problem does science now claim to solve?	
	1
3) What other functions have the churches lost?	
	2
Which civic rituals sanctified by the church are mentioned?	
1) births	
2)	1
3)	1
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31	1) What is modern day religion being pushed into the sphere of?	
		3
	2) What sort of worship are people practising more? (circle your answer)	2
	a) public rather than private	
	b) private rather than public	
	c) private rather than family	
32	Write True or False next to the following statements:	
	1) 75% of people in Britain believed in God in 1985	1
	2) Two fifths of people have had a profound religious experience sometime in their lives	1
	3) Many people today no longer practice religion in a traditional way	1

Section 6: Conclusion

33	What does organised religion need to examine in order to re-assert itself with the British people? (circle your answer)	2
	1) the change in spiritual practices of families	
	2) the change in spiritual practices of individuals	
	3) the change in spiritual practices of forbears	

34	Which 3 groups have taken on a g (circle 3 answers from the choice	greater role for the spiritual needs of the people? es below)		
	non-Christian groups	Church of England		
	the Roman Catholic Church	evangelical Christian groups		
	new religious movements	secular groups	6	

TOTAL MARKS FOR PART B (SECTIONS 4, 5 & 6): 50 marks

OVERALL TOTAL: 100 marks



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In sections 1 and 2 spelling mistakes will not lose marks unless the word cannot be recognised or if the meaning changes. Different word forms will be given half marks as long as the meaning remains the same.

1 Introduction

Que	stion Number	Mark
1	Attendances at the majority of churches in England are <i>declining</i>	1
2	The very role of the church at the heart of English communities has been <i>eroded</i> , challenged by a combination of factors.	1
3	My use of the term 'secularisation' will be far more general. In my talk's context the term will be used to refer to a <i>process</i> through which there is a loss of <i>influence</i> and power on the part of organised religion in society.	2

2 The Church of England

4	The Church of England, also known as the Anglican Church, is one of the country's <i>two established</i> or official, churches.	2
5	Unlike the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England does not recognise the <i>authority</i> of the Pope, the head of Roman Catholicism <i>worldwide</i> in Rome.	2
6	The roots of the Church of England can be found in the <i>16th</i> and <i>17th centuries</i> . During this important historical period, the Roman Catholic Church was the <i>major Christian</i> religion in the <i>western world</i> , yet it faced a growing number of challenges and <i>struggles against</i> the authority of its leader, the Pope.	1 2 2 2 2 2

7	Conflict came to a head in England in <i>1534</i> when Henry VIII, famous, for his six wives, <i>broke off</i> England's relationship with the Catholic Church.	1 2
8	During the following 2 centuries the Church of England became far more Protestant, that is non-Catholic, in <i>belief</i> as well as in <i>practice</i> .	2
9	Another group which is <i>growing in</i> influence is the liberal group within the Anglican church which has gone as far as <i>questioning</i> the validity of several <i>key</i> beliefs of the Church such as the virgin <i>birth</i> and Christ's miracles.	2 1 1 1
10	Essentially the Church of England has learned to become a church of <i>compromise</i> between the various competing <i>wings</i> .	2
11	These differences rarely <i>lead</i> to fierce public debate, but in the 1980s, the Church was bitterly <i>divided</i> over the ordination of women priests.	1 1
12	There are over 16,000 Church of England churches in the UK and these churches still remain the focus of community life in many smaller, rural communities.	1 1 2
13	The Church of England is <i>represented</i> in the House of Lords, with Bishops able to influence the way the country is <i>governed</i> .	2
14	The law <i>requires</i> schools in England to hold a daily <i>act</i> of worship of a broadly Christian nature.	2
15	A third of all <i>marriages</i> take place in Anglican churches.	1

3 Other Christian Churches

Answers need not be in exactly the same form . Similar rewordings are acceptable if the meaning is the same.

1	6	What is the conflict in Northern Ireland mainly to do with?	
		$(1) \qquad (1) \qquad (1)$	
		1) a question of <i>national</i> / (and) ethnic / identity.	3

2) political and cultural control	
(1) (1) (1) 3) social class (and) / representation	3

17	Many smaller Protestant churches are gaining new members. (circle your answer) True False	1
18	What does the term 'evangelical' place more emphasis on? (circle your answer) 1) the bible and religious practice 2) the bible and religious belief 3) the bible and religious traditions	1
19	How many members do the non-conformist churches have? 1) The Methodist Union 450,000 2) The Baptists 170,00 3) The United Reform Church 130,000 4) The Salvation Army 56,000	1

Total marks for Part A 1, 2 & 3: 50 marks

PART B

STUDENTS TAKE NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING THREE SECTIONS OF THE LECTURE:

- 4 Other faiths
- 5 Secularisation
- 6 Conclusion

Similar rewordings are acceptable if the meaning remains the same.

4 Other faiths

20	Complete the data given about Judaism:	
	(1) (1) 1) How many Jews are there in Britain? <i>around</i> / 300,000	2
	(1) (1) 2) What percentage of people attend a synagogue? <i>under / 50%</i>	2
	3) How many people are synagogue members?	1
	(circle your answer)	
	a) 70,000 b(80,000) c) 90,000	
21	Jews came to Britain in the last century because of persecution. (circle your answer)	
	<u>True</u> False	1
22	In which area do Muslims feel they lack equal recognition?	
	2.5 2.5	5
	(provision of) state funding (for/of) / religious schools	

23	1) For world rejecting movements, the community is more important than the individual.	
	(circle your answer) True False	2
24	World affirming movements see the source of unhappiness in the individual. (circle your answer) True False	2
25	How do new 'world accommodating' religions see religious experience?	
25	(1) (1) (as) personal / (and) individual	2
	2) Which Christian Churches fall in this 3rd group? (circle one from the list below)	
	evangelical	1
	ecclesiasticalsecularist	
	• non-conformist	

5 Secularisation

26	In 1970 how many adults considered themselves to be members of Christian churches? (circle your answer)	
	1) 12.7%	
	2(20.7%)	
	3) 30.7%	1
27	What do the varying figures on church membership show in relation to London and the regions? (2) (2) (1) (1) (the) further / (away) from London (you go) / the higher / the rate	6
	(or similar rewording)	· ·
28	How many people visited Westminster Abbey in 1987? (circle your answer)	

	1 3.7 million	1
	2) 13.7 million	
	3) 37 million	
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29	According to Abercrombie and Ward:	
	1) Why has the Church of England become less involved in political processes?	
	(1) (1) (1) the state / has grown / in power	3
	the state / has grown / in power	3
	2) What kind of problem does science now claim to solve?	
	health	1
	3) What other functions have the churches lost?	
	(1) (1)	
	welfare (and) / charitable* (functions) [*Accept 'charity']	2
	[Accept charty]	
30	Which civic rituals sanctified by the church are mentioned?	
	1) births (answer given: no marks)	
	(1) 2) deaths	
	(1)	
	3) marriages	2
31	1) What is modern day religion being pushed into the sphere of?	
	(1.5) (1.5) the family / (or) the individual	3
	the family / (or) the thatviatat	3
	2) What sort of worship are people practising more?	
	(circle your answer)	
	a) public rather than private	
	b) private rather than public	2
	c) private rather than family	
32	Write True or False next to the following statements:	
	1) 75% of people in Britain believed in God in a 1985 survey <i>true</i>	1
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	2) Two fifths of people have had a profound religious experience sometime in their		
	lives false	1	ĺ
	3) Many people today do not practice religion in a traditional way <i>true</i>	1	

6 Conclusion

33	What does organised religion need to examine to re-assert itself with the British people? (circle your answer)	
	1) the change in spiritual practices of families	
	2) the change in spiritual practices of individuals	2
	3) the change in spiritual practices of forbears	
34	Which 3 groups have taken on a greater role for the spiritual needs of the people? (circle <u>3 answers</u> from the choices below)	
<	non-Christian groups Church of England	
	the Roman Catholic Church <u>evangelical Christian groups</u>	
	new religious movements secular groups	6

Total marks for Part B 4, 5 & 6: 50 marks

Overall total: 100 marks.