

RLST100 Fall 2019  
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 Exam Study Guide

Exam outline:

40 multiple choice questions (40 marks)

8 short answer questions (5 marks each, 40 marks total)

1 essay question (20 marks total)

You should be able to define and say three (3) things about each of the following terms. The multiple choice and short answer questions will draw directly on these topics. Study the slides well!

Terms to know:

**Bolded words are the main theme in a row**

Highlighted cells are on related points

**Section 1: Religion, Myth, and Ritual**

<b>“World Religion(s)”</b>	Religion as a modern classification	Religion as a euro-western category			
<b>Myth</b>	What is myth according to Lincoln (and me)?				
<b>Ritual</b>	Various definitions	As symbol	As communication	As expression of meaning	As performance

**Section 2: Aboriginal traditions**

<b>Indigenous Traditions</b>	Recent world religion	How to define “indigenous religions”?	Myths: origins, trickster, afterlife	Rituals: sweat lodge, Sundance
<b>Oral traditions/religions</b>	What does this mean?	How has it been used?		
<b>Truth and Reconciliation</b>	Residential schools			

**Section 3: Daoism and Confucianism**

<b>Confucius</b>	Biographical info	Why is he important?	Philosophical Confucianism
Philosophical Daoism			
Religions Daoism			

#### Section 4: Hinduism

<b>Shruti</b>	The four Vedas	
<b>Smriti</b>	The two epics	
<b>The Ramayana</b>	Main figures	Major themes
The caste system		
Three gunas		
Four goals		
Three paths		
Devi (goddesses)		

#### Section 5: Buddhism

<b>Buddhism</b>	Definition	Complications in defining Buddhism	Western category	
<b>Story of the Buddha</b>	Buddhacarita	Major themes and events	Four sights	Four Noble Truths
<b>Trikitaka</b>	Sutras	Vinaya	Abhidharma	
Nirvana	Dependent origin	Three Jewels of Buddhism		
Theravada Buddhism	Mahayana Buddhism	Vajrayana Buddhism	Arhat	Bodhisattva
Samsara	Karma	Anatman	Gender issues	

#### Section 6: Judaism

<b>Tanakh</b>	Torah/Pentateuch	Nevi'im	Ketuvim	
<b>Covenants</b>	Making and breaking			
Babylon and Judaism	Hellenism and Judaism	Roman Empire and Judaism		
Diaspora Judaism	Kabbalah			
Pharisees	Rabbis	Oral Torah	Midrash	Mishna
Anti-Judaism	Anti-Semitism	Zionism		
<b>Practices</b>	Kosher	Sabbath	Marriage/divorce	

#### Section 6: Christianity

Jesus	New Testament	Christian Bible (different from Hebrew Bible)	New covenant
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Non canonical texts (not in New Testament)	Acts of Paul and Thecla	Infancy Gospel of Thomas	The trinity
Canon and canonicity	Nag Hammadi Books	Gnostic cosmology	

### Section 7: Islam

Qur'an (structure, context, and content)	Sura	Muhammad (biography)
Sunni Islam	Shi'a Islam	Globalization and Colonialism
Five Pillars	Shari'a law	veiling