EXTENDED WRITING: RELIGION AND BELIEF

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Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

1. What is religion?

2. Why do people have religious beliefs?

3. How can people discuss different religions respectfully?

4. Is your country religious? Why or why not?

5. What do different people believe happens after death?

6. Will religion still be important in one thousand years?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. What is religion?

Example: Religion can include beliefs, practices and communities that help people make sense of life, morality and death. It means different things to different people.

2. Why do people have religious beliefs?

Example: People may have religious beliefs because of family, personal experience, culture or a search for meaning. Belief is often connected to community as well as ideas.

3. How can people discuss different religions respectfully?

Example: Respectful discussion means listening, avoiding assumptions and accepting that people may disagree deeply. Criticism of ideas should not become hostility towards people.

4. Is your country religious? Why or why not?

Example: My country includes both religious and non-religious people. Public traditions may remain important even when many individuals do not follow a formal religion.

5. What do different people believe happens after death?

Example: Beliefs about death vary widely, from an afterlife or rebirth to the view that life ends completely. These beliefs can shape how people understand loss and responsibility.

6. Will religion still be important in one thousand years?

Example: Religion may change form over time, but questions about meaning and community are unlikely to disappear. Future beliefs may be different from today’s institutions.

7. How do religious movements usually begin?

Example: Religious movements often begin when a teacher or community offers answers to spiritual or social questions. They grow when others find those ideas meaningful.

8. Which religious traditions have the most global influence?

Example: Christianity and Islam come to mind because they have communities in many countries. I think their influence also appears in daily customs, although influence shouldn't be confused with superiority.