4.8 Class, Gender, Ethnicity and Age: Patterns of Religiosity: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. For short answers one or two sentences are sufficient. For the final 12-mark question write in full sentences and include named studies where possible. Spend about 10 minutes in total.

1 Using Item B and your own knowledge, analyse two reasons why women are often found to be more religious than men.

(Total for Question 1 is 6 marks)

2 State one way in which Heelas and Bruce's work on the spiritual market differs from a more traditional view of class and religion.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

identifies a first reason, e.g. socialisation: women are socialised into caring roles and religious socialisation	**B1**
develops first reason with application to Item B, e.g. Priya's community role reflects socialisation into communal and caring religious activities	**B1**
identifies a second reason, e.g. connection to life events: women have closer ties to birth, death and family rituals	**B1**
develops second reason with application to Item B, e.g. Erin's private practice could reflect personal family or emotional ties even without public attendance	**B1**
provides sociological support or named study, e.g. refers to Miller and Hoffman or Davie to support the point	**B1**
accurate application across both reasons, showing how Item B illustrates the two explanations	**B1**

Answer: Answers should analyse two reasons, for example: (1) Socialisation, where women are often encouraged into caring and community roles that link to religious participation, as seen in Priya helping at the mosque; (2) Closeness to life events and family rituals, where women may be more involved in birth, baptism and funerals and so maintain religious ties even in private, as Erin does with occasional prayer. A correct answer will support points with a named study such as Miller and Hoffman or Davie and apply them to both women in Item B.

Question 2

identifies a genuine difference, e.g. they focus on consumerist, New Age spirituality among middle classes rather than class-based church membership alone	**B1**
brief development	**B1**

Answer: Heelas and Bruce emphasise a spiritual market and New Age consumption among the middle classes, rather than viewing class differences only in terms of formal church membership or sect attraction.

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