

Chapter 1 Beliefs in Society

Topic 3 Secularisation

Answers to QuickCheck Questions on page 27

1. 40%
2. 30%
3. Because of the rise of rationality and the growth of science and technology.
4. A pluralist society, containing religious diversity.
5. Where one faith and one set of beliefs covers the whole society and is shared by all.
6. The influence and functions of religion are transferred to other institutions, such as education and welfare.
7. Where religion provides support and a sense of community for migrants and minority ethnic groups.
8. Traditional Christian beliefs and glorifying God declines and religion is 'psychologised' or turned into a form of therapy. The purpose of religion changes from seeking salvation in heaven to seeking personal improvement in this world.