

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 10 Studies in Religion and Culture

RS10

Wednesday 23 June 2004 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS10.
- Choose **one Section** only.
Section A Buddhism page 2
Section B Christianity page 3
Section C Hinduism page 4
Section D Islam page 5
Section E Judaism page 6
Section F Sikhism page 7
Answer **two** questions from your chosen section.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

SECTION A BUDDHISM

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Each question carries 50 marks.

- 1** (a) Explain Buddhist teachings about samsara and paticcasamuppada. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Outline how the five moral precepts of Buddhism can apply to life in today's society, and assess the claim that the Buddhist lifestyle can only work for the individual and not for society as a whole. *(30 marks)*
- 2** (a) Explain Buddhist teachings about anatta. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Outline Madhyamaka teachings on Sunyata (emptiness), and assess the claim that Nagarjuna taught nothing on Sunyata that the Buddha himself had not already taught. *(30 marks)*
- 3** (a) Describe a new form of western Buddhism. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Outline the various reasons for the popularity of Buddhism in the west, and assess the claim that Buddhism is still an insignificant religious movement in Britain today. *(30 marks)*

SECTION B CHRISTIANITY

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Each question carries 50 marks.

- 4 (a) Examine the concept of vocation as demonstrated in ordained ministry and in religious orders within Christianity. *(20 marks)*

- (b) “The idea of religious vocation belongs to a past age and has no relevance in the 21st century.”

Explain the aspects of vocation which may be said to belong to a past age, and assess how far the claim is true. *(30 marks)*

- 5 (a) Explain what Christianity has traditionally meant by describing Jesus as ‘God incarnate’. *(20 marks)*

- (b) Explain the ways in which the description of Jesus as ‘God incarnate’ was challenged in 20th century thought, and assess how far the phrase still has meaning today. *(30 marks)*

- 6 (a) Describe the various forms of Christian mission in inner city areas of Britain today. *(20 marks)*

- (b) “There is nothing ‘Christian’ about many of the activities of the Churches in inner city areas, and such work should be left to other agencies.”

Examine the Churches’ theological understanding of their work in these areas, and discuss how far you agree with the statement. *(30 marks)*

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SECTION C HINDUISM

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Each question carries 50 marks.

- 7 (a) Examine the meaning of Varnasrama Dharma, making particular reference to laws and customs. *(20 marks)*
- (b) What are the main principles of Sanatan Dharma, and to what extent do these principles contradict the aims and purpose of Varnasrama Dharma? *(30 marks)*
- 8 (a) Summarise the main ideas of Advaita philosophy expressed by Shankaracharya. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Describe the means to liberation through bhakti yoga, and assess the view that the path of bhakti yoga is totally different from the path of jnana yoga in Advaita philosophy. *(30 marks)*
- 9 (a) Examine the nature of the Hindu community in Britain. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain how the Hindu community in Britain maintains its religious traditions, and assess the view that Hinduism is so rooted in Indian culture that it cannot flourish outside India. *(30 marks)*

SECTION D ISLAM

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Each question carries 50 marks.

- 10** (a) Explain the Islamic understanding of the relationship between God and humanity. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain the Sufi view of the relationship between God and humanity.
- (ii) Assess the claim that the Sufi view of the relationship between God and humanity is totally different from any other view in Islam. *(30 marks)*
- 11** (a) Explain what Islam teaches about the role and status of women. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain the concept of Jihad in Islam, and discuss how far Jihad remains an obligatory duty for all Muslims. *(30 marks)*
- 12** (a) Examine the key characteristics of the Muslim community in Britain. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain how, in Britain today, the mosque upholds the religious traditions of Islam, and assess the claim that it is the mosque, rather than the family, which upholds religious tradition in Islam. *(30 marks)*

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SECTION E JUDAISM

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Each question carries 50 marks.

- 13** (a) Explain how Jewish teaching about marriage is expressed in the symbols and rituals associated with the marriage ceremony. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain what Judaism teaches about divorce, and assess how far Jewish teachings about marriage and divorce are acceptable today. *(30 marks)*
- 14** (a) Explain the ways in which the Holocaust has caused serious challenges to Jewish teaching about the Jewish people and their relationship with God. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain how different Jewish theologians have attempted to meet the challenges of the Holocaust, and assess how effective their attempts have been. *(30 marks)*
- 15** (a) Explain the different approaches taken by Jewish communities in Israel and Britain towards Jewish identity and the issue of assimilation. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Explain why the issues of identity and assimilation are so important for Jews in both Israel and Britain.
- (ii) Assess the view that without radical change in approach to these issues Judaism will not survive. *(30 marks)*

SECTION F SIKHISM

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Each question carries 50 marks.

- 16** (a) Examine the concepts of maya and haumai in Sikhism. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain how Sikhs practise nam simran, and assess the truth of the statement that Sikhs who practise nam simran will conquer maya and haumai. *(30 marks)*
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- 17** (a) Examine the teachings of the Gurus on caste. *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain the ways in which gurdwaras in Britain meet the needs of Sikhs of different backgrounds, and assess the truth of the claim that caste gurdwaras are completely against the teaching of the Gurus. *(30 marks)*
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- 18** (a) Examine the importance of marriage and family life for Sikhs.
- (b) Examine issues affecting Sikhs in Britain today, and assess the view that it is extremely difficult to be an amritdhari Sikh in Britain today. *(30 marks)*

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