



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST3G

Unit 3G World Religions 1
Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Friday 11 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 RST3G.
- Choose **one Section** only.
Section A Buddhism page 2
Section B Hinduism page 3
Section C Sikhism page 4
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A BUDDHISMAnswer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Themes in Mahayana Buddhism

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 Examine the distinctive features of Pure Land Buddhism with particular reference to its Japanese forms. *(30 marks)*

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 'Pure Land Buddhism is entirely based on the saving grace of the Buddha.'
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)***Question 2 Aspects of Buddhist philosophy**

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 Examine the doctrine of paticcasamuppada. *(30 marks)*

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 How far do you agree with the claim that the doctrine of paticcasamuppada has little relevance in the lives of most Buddhists? *(20 marks)***Question 3 Meditation**

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 Examine the methods used in vipassana and samatha meditation. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Although there are different methods of Buddhist meditation, their aim is always the same.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 4 Buddhist ethics**

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 Examine the nature and purpose of the six perfections in Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The achievement of the six perfections is an unrealistic ideal for Buddhists.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)*

Section B HINDUISMAnswer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 5 Foundations of Hinduism

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 Examine the concept of god in the Vedas. (30 marks)

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 'The concept of god in the Vedas is so contradictory that it is incomprehensible.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)**Question 6 Hindu dharma**

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 Examine the meaning and importance of the concept of dharma in Hinduism with particular reference to Sanatana Dharma. (30 marks)

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 'Dharma is an abstract ideal which cannot be applied to the everyday life of Hindus.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**Question 7 Hinduism and society in the modern world**

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 Examine the aims and work of Ram Mohan Roy and the Brahmo Samaj. (30 marks)

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 Assess the view that the Brahmo Samaj did little to reform Hinduism. (20 marks)**Question 8 Hindu philosophy**

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 Examine Hindu teaching on the nature of human destiny with reference to the law of karma and samsara. (30 marks)

and

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 How far do you agree that Hinduism is a fatalistic religion? (20 marks)**Turn over for Section C****Turn over ►**

Section C SIKHISMAnswer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 9 Sikh identity, marriage and family life

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 Explain the form and meaning of amrit sanskar in Sikhism. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'Sikh identity relies totally on outward symbols.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 10 Key concepts and beliefs**

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 Examine the practice and purpose of kirt karo, nam japo and vand kakko in the lives of Sikhs. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'In today's world it is impossible for Sikhs to live up to the values implied in kirt karo, nam japo and vand kakko.'
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)***Question 11 Sikh ethics and conduct**

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 Explain the Sikh concepts of sant sipahi (saint-soldier) and dharam yudh (just war). *(30 marks)***and**

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 How far do you agree with the view that the Sikh ideal of sant sipahi is impossible for Sikhs to achieve? *(20 marks)***Question 12 Equality and sewa**

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 Examine the teachings of the Gurus on equality in relation to gender and caste. *(30 marks)***and**

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 To what extent are the teachings of the Gurus on equality fully expressed in the Sikh community in the United Kingdom today? *(20 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**