



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST3G

Unit 3G World Religions 1
Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Monday 13 June 2011 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 key similarities and differences between Mahayana Buddhism and Theravada Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'In Buddhism the similarities between Mahayana and Theravada Buddhism are more important than the differences.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 2 Aspects of Buddhist philosophy**

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 Examine the teaching on sunyata (emptiness) with reference to the teachings of Nagarjuna. *(30 marks)*

and

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 How far do you agree that these teachings have little value for Buddhists today? *(20 marks)***Question 3 Meditation**

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 Examine the aims and methods of meditation within Zen Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Meditation is an essential part of Buddhist practice.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 4 Buddhist ethics**

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 Explain the purpose of ethical living in Buddhism and how it might be put into practice. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'In Buddhism the motive of an action is more important than its consequence.'
Assess this claim. *(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 different kinds of scriptures contained in the Vedas. (30 marks)

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 'The Vedas are the only true source of Hindu religious belief and practice.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)**Question 6 Hindu dharma**

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 Examine Hindu understandings of marriage and family life. (30 marks)

and

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 To what extent are Hindu understandings of marriage and family life out of line with contemporary society? (20 marks)**Question 7 Hinduism and society in the modern world**

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 Examine the aims and achievements of Vivekananda and the Ramakrishna Mission. (30 marks)

and

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 'Vivekananda and the Ramakrishna Mission failed to modernise Hinduism in the twentieth century.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**Question 8 Hindu philosophy**

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 Analyse the main ideas of Vishishtadvaita (qualified non-dualism) of Ramanuja. (30 marks)

and

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 To what extent was Ramanuja a non-dualist in his thinking? (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 anand karaj. (30 marks)

and

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 'For Sikhs, anand karaj was more important in the past than it is today.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**Question 10 Key concepts and beliefs**

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 Examine the Sikh understanding of the nature of God as expressed in the Mul Mantra. (30 marks)

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 'The Sikh understanding of the nature of God has little effect on the way Sikhs live their lives.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**Question 11 Sikh ethics and conduct**

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 Examine the concepts of miri and piri. (30 marks)

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 'The concepts of miri and piri are impossible to put into practice in the 21st century.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**Question 12 Equality and sewa**

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 Examine ways in which sewa is expressed by Sikhs in contemporary society. (30 marks)

and

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 'Sewa has lost its original meaning for Sikhs.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**END OF QUESTIONS**