



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS09

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Tuesday 15 January 2013 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 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 RSS09.
- 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 90.
- 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 Samsara and the three marks of existence

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 Examine the concept of dukkha and its implications for the Buddhist attitude to life. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The truth of dukkha is simply common sense.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)***Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

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 Examine the contrasts between samsara and nibbana. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'In order to attain nibbana, Buddhists have to become detached from life.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

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 Examine the relationship between wisdom, morality and meditation in the path to enlightenment. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'For Buddhists, wisdom alone is necessary for enlightenment.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)***Question 4 The Sangha**

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 Examine the nature and discipline of the monastic community in Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The monastic way of life in Buddhism is a form of escapism.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

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

Question 5 The Hindu concept of God

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 Examine the concept of avatar in Hinduism. (30 marks)**and**

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 'Avatars have more meaning for Hindus than any other form of God.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism**

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 Examine the relationship between atman and Brahman. (30 marks)**and**

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 'In Hinduism, believing in the concepts of atman and Brahman is more important than doing good deeds.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)**Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

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 Examine the practice **and** the importance of puja in the home. (30 marks)**and**

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 'For Hindus, puja in the home has more meaning than worship in the temple.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)**Question 8 The Hindu way of life**

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 Outline each of the four stages of life and examine their importance for Hindus. (30 marks)**and**

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 'The path of the householder is more difficult than the path of the holy man.'
Assess this view. (15 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 The Gurus

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 Examine the life and teachings of Guru Nanak within the context of his time. (30 marks)

and

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 'Guru Nanak founded a new religion.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Question 10 Festivals**

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 Examine the form and significance of Gurburbs. (30 marks)

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 'Gurburbs have no importance in the lives of Sikhs today.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

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 Examine the uses of the Guru Granth Sahib by Sikhs today. (30 marks)

and

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 'It is not necessary for Sikhs today to understand the language of the Guru Granth Sahib.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)**Question 12 Diwan and langar**

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 Explain the concept of sewa and examine the ways in which it is practised. (30 marks)

and

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 'Sewa is the essence of Sikhism.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)**END OF QUESTIONS**