



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST3G

Unit 3G World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Wednesday 11 June 2014 1.30pm to 3.00pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

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Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST3G.
- Choose **one** section only.
Section A Buddhism page 2 or
Section B Hinduism page 4 or
Section C Sikhism page 6
- Answer **two** questions in the section you have chosen.
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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

- 0 1** Examine the meaning and importance of 'skill in means' and 'transfer of merit' in Mahayana Buddhism. **[30 marks]**

and

- 0 2** "Skill in means' and 'transfer of merit' are the most distinctive features of Mahayana Buddhism.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Question 2 Aspects of Buddhist philosophy

- 0 3** Examine the meaning of samsara and nirvana in the Madhyamaka school of Buddhist philosophy. **[30 marks]**

and

- 0 4** 'The Madhyamaka teachings on samsara and nirvana have little value for those following the Buddhist way of life.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Question 3 Meditation

- 0 5** Examine the importance of meditation within Zen Buddhism. **[30 marks]**

and

- 0 6** 'Meditation in Zen Buddhism is simply a way of escaping reality.'
How far do you agree? **[20 marks]**

Question 4 Buddhist ethics

0 7 Examine the six perfections within Buddhist ethics.

[30 marks]

and

0 8 'The six perfections are more concerned with motives than consequences.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]

Turn over for Section B

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 difference between sruti and smriti as found in Hindu scriptures. **[30 marks]****and**

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 'Sruti is more important than smriti as a source of authority in Hinduism.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]****Question 6 Hindu dharma**

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 Examine the laws and customs of varnashramadharma. **[30 marks]****and**

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 'Varnashramadharma is an integral part of the Hindu way of life.'
How far do you agree? **[20 marks]****Question 7 Hinduism and society in the modern world**

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 Outline the reasons for the emergence of modern Hindu reform movements in the 19th and 20th centuries and examine their aims. **[30 marks]****and**

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 'Hinduism did not need reform in the 19th and 20th centuries.'
How far do you agree? **[20 marks]**

Question 8 Hindu philosophy

1 5 Examine the main ideas of the Vishishtadvaita (qualified non-dualism) of Ramanuja. **[30 marks]**

and

1 6 'Ramanuja was more of a theist than a non-dualist.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Turn over for Section C

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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 Examine the importance of marriage and family life in Sikhism.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'The Sikh ideal of marriage and family life is impossible to achieve in today's society.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 10 Key concepts and beliefs**

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 Examine the meaning and uses of the term 'guru' in Sikhism.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'Following the example of the Gurus is all that Sikhs need to practise their faith.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 11 Sikh ethics and conduct**

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 Outline the key principles of the Rahit Maryada and examine its importance for Sikhs.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'The ethics of the Rahit Maryada have little place in the lives of Sikhs in the 21st century.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]

Question 12 Equality and sewa

2 3 Outline the Sikh understanding of sewa and examine how sewa is expressed in contemporary society.

[30 marks]

and

2 4 'Helping the poor is the most important aspect of sewa today.'

How far do you agree with this view?

[20 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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