

AS RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Thursday 19 May 2016

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RSS09.
- Choose **one** section only.
 - Section A Buddhism page 2
 - Section B Hinduism page 4
 - Section C Sikhism page 6.
- Answer **two** questions. Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work 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. 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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 Outline the concept of samsara **and** examine the implications of a belief in samsara for the Buddhist way of life.

[30 marks]

and

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 'The concept of samsara can only be understood through experience.'
Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 2 The Four Noble Truths

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 Examine the various meanings of nibbana within Buddhism.

[30 marks]

and

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 'The main aim for Buddhists is to achieve nibbana.'
How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

Question 3 The Eightfold Path

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 Examine the role of wisdom, morality and meditation in the eightfold path.

[30 marks]

and

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 'Morality is more important than meditation for Buddhists today.'
How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

Question 4 The Sangha

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Outline the discipline of the monastic community **and** examine the importance of monastic discipline in Buddhism.

[30 marks]

and

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'Only monks can become enlightened.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Turn over ►

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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 Explain **both** the nature and importance of the Trimurti in the Hindu concept of God.
[30 marks]

and

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 'Since Hindus believe in the Trimurti they must be polytheistic.'
Assess this view.
[15 marks]**Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism**

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 Examine the nature of the three forms of yoga in Hinduism.
[30 marks]

and

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 'Yoga is essential for Hindus.'
How far do you agree?
[15 marks]**Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

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 Examine **both** the design of Hindu temples and the purpose of the various features.
[30 marks]

and

1	4
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 'Worship in the temple is not central to Hindu life.'
Assess this view.
[15 marks]

Question 8 The Hindu way of life

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 Examine the roles of holy men in Hinduism.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'The way of life of the holy man is superior to any other way of life in Hinduism.'

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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 Outline the life of Guru Nanak **and** examine his main teachings. **[30 marks]****and**

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 'Guru Nanak's teachings totally challenged the religious culture of his time.'
How far do you agree? **[15 marks]****Question 10 Festivals**

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 Examine the significance of the celebration of the festival of Vaisakhi for Sikhs. **[30 marks]****and**

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 'The celebration of festivals is always important in the lives of today's Sikhs.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]****Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

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 Examine **both** the main features of the Golden Temple complex at Amritsar and the significance of these features. **[30 marks]****and**

2	2
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 'The Golden Temple complex is central to the Sikh faith.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

Question 12 Diwan and langar

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 Examine the concept and practice of sewa.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'For Sikhs, practising sewa is more important than believing in God.'

How far do you agree?

[15 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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