

A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

Wednesday 15 June 2016 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-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 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 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. 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 key differences between Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'The differences between Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism are irrelevant to most Buddhists.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 2 Aspects of Buddhist Philosophy**

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 Examine the concept of sunyata **and** its importance in the teachings of Nagarjuna. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'Believing in sunyata significantly affects how Buddhists live their lives today.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 3 Meditation**

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 Examine the nature of mindfulness and the ways in which it is expressed in vipassana meditation. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'Mindfulness is essential to all forms of Buddhist meditation.'

How far do you agree?

[20 marks]

Question 4 Buddhist ethics

0 7 Examine the implications of the ethical teachings of Buddhism for Buddhists today.
[30 marks]

and

0 8 'The ethical teachings of Buddhism are unrealistic for society today.'
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 relationship between the Indus Valley Civilisation and aspects of Hinduism today.

[30 marks]

and

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 'Knowledge of the Indus Valley Civilisation is essential for understanding Hinduism today.'
Assess this view.

[20 marks]

Question 6 Hindu dharma

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 Explain the Hindu understandings of **both** the role of women and the importance of the family.

[30 marks]

and

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 'The Hindu understanding of the role of women is outdated in the 21st century.'
How far do you agree?

[20 marks]

Question 7 Hinduism and society in the modern world

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 Examine the aspects of Hinduism that Gandhi tried to reform in the 20th century.

[30 marks]

and

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 'Gandhi made a vital contribution to the reform of Hinduism in the 20th century.'
Assess this view.

[20 marks]

Question 8 Hindu philosophy

1 5 Examine the differences between Shankaracharya and Ramanuja in their understanding of the goal of liberation (moksha).

[30 marks]

and

1 6 'The philosophies of Shankaracharya and Ramanuja are in total conflict with each other.'

How far do you agree?

[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 meaning and significance of the anand karaj ceremony for Sikhs.
[30 marks]

and

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 'The anand karaj ceremony is an essential basis for marriage and family life in Sikhism.'
Assess this view.
[20 marks]**Question 10 Key concepts and beliefs**

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 Explain the Sikh understanding of the concepts of maya **and** karma.
[30 marks]

and

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 'Sikhs must believe in maya and karma to give meaning and purpose to their lives.'
How far do you agree?
[20 marks]**Question 11 Sikh ethics and conduct**

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 Examine the concept of sant sipahi as it is expressed in Sikh life and faith.
[30 marks]

and

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 'The Sikh ideal of sant sipahi is not relevant in the 21st century.'
Assess this view.
[20 marks]

Question 12 Equality and sewa

2 3 Examine the Gurus' teachings on gender.

[30 marks]

and

2 4 'The teachings of the Gurus on gender are not reflected in Sikh communities in the United Kingdom (UK) today.'

Assess this claim.

[20 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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