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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 1b**

**EASTERN RELIGIONS**

**An Introduction to either Buddhism or  
Hinduism or Sikhism**

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(1 hour)

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer questions from **one** section **only**, either Section A or Section B or Section C.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

All questions carry 20 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer questions from **one section only**, either *Section A* or *Section B* or *Section C*.

**SECTION A: An Introduction to Buddhism**

Answer **Question 1** and **one other question**.

**1.**



Source: <http://images.exoticindia.com/buddha/te48.jpg>

- (a) Explain, with reference to the wheel of life, the Buddhist concept of pratitya samutpada (connectedness). [10]
- (b) Explain Buddhist teaching on rebirth. [10]
- 2.** (a) Examine the Buddhist practice of meditation. [10]
- (b) ‘Meditation is the most important Buddhist practice.’  
Assess this view. [10]
- 3.** (a) Explain what it means for a Buddhist to ‘take refuge’ in the Buddha. [10]
- (b) ‘The Buddha is clearly the most important of the three jewels.’  
Assess this view. [10]

**SECTION B: An Introduction to Hinduism**

*Answer Question 1 and one other question.*

**1.**



Source: <http://www.indianinvitations.com/image/ThreadCompany.gif>

- (a) Explain the main features of **one** rite of passage in Hinduism. [10]
- (b) Explain the Hindu concept of varnashramadharma. [10]
- 2.** (a) Describe beliefs and practices associated with Ganesh. [10]
- (b) ‘Hindu gods and goddesses give Hindu believers a good example of how to live their lives.’  
Assess this view. [10]
- 3.** (a) Explain the Hindu teaching on the nature of Brahman and atman. [10]
- (b) ‘Hindus do not really worship Brahman.’  
Assess this view. [10]

### SECTION C: An Introduction to Sikhism

Answer **Question 1** and **one other question**.

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Source: [http://www.parrotfish.co.uk/images/sikhism/sikh\\_box\\_of\\_5ks.jpg](http://www.parrotfish.co.uk/images/sikhism/sikh_box_of_5ks.jpg)

- (a) Explain the importance of the five 'k's' in Sikhism. [10]
- (b) Examine the founding and importance of the Khalsa in Sikhism. [10]
2. (a) Explain the role and importance of the langar in Sikh society. [10]
- (b) 'The main contribution of Sikhism is its teaching on equality.'  
Assess this view with reference to Sikhism. [10]
3. (a) Explain the main teachings of Guru Nanak. [10]
- (b) 'Without a doubt Guru Nanak is the most important of the Ten Gurus.'  
Assess this view. [10]