



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS09

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Thursday 15 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 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, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) 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 BUDDHISM

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the concepts of anicca and anatta. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that concepts of anicca and anatta have little effect on the way Buddhists live their lives. *(15 marks)*
- 2 (a) Examine the meaning of the first and second Noble Truths. *(30 marks)*
- (b) 'Buddhist teaching is more focused on understanding suffering than providing a way to end suffering.'
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*
- 3 (a) Explain the teaching on right livelihood and right speech in the Eightfold Path. *(30 marks)*
- (b) 'Morality is the basis of the Eightfold Path.'
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*
- 4 (a) Examine the nature and discipline of the monastic community in Buddhism. *(30 marks)*
- (b) 'The way of the monk is superior to the way of the lay Buddhist.'
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

SECTION B HINDUISM

Answer **two** questions.

- 5 (a) Examine the nature and role of each deity in the Hindu Trimurti. (30 marks)
- (b) How far is it true to say that Hinduism is a polytheistic religion? (15 marks)
- 6 (a) Explain how karma yoga and bhakti yoga are means to liberation. (30 marks)
- (b) 'In Hinduism, all paths to liberation are basically the same.'
- Assess the truth of this claim. (15 marks)
- 7 (a) Examine the design and purpose of Hindu temples (mandirs). (30 marks)
- (b) 'In Hinduism, there is no need for special places of worship.'
- Assess this view. (15 marks)
- 8 (a) Explain the duties for each stage of life in Hinduism. (30 marks)
- (b) Assess the view that the most important stage of life for Hindus is that of the sannyasin. (15 marks)

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SECTION C SIKHISM

Answer **two** questions.

- 9** (a) Examine the life and work of Guru Gobind Singh. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Guru Gobind Singh’s main achievement was to transform Sikhism into a military movement.’
- Assess the truth of this claim. *(15 marks)*
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- 10** (a) Examine the nature and importance of Gurdwaras. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Gurdwaras have little significance in the lives of Sikhs today.’
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*
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- 11** (a) Explain the meaning of the main features of the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar. *(30 marks)*
- (b) To what extent is the Golden Temple in Amritsar important for Sikhs in the United Kingdom today? *(15 marks)*
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- 12** (a) Examine the main features of worship (diwan) in the gurdwara. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Sewa is more important than worship in Sikhism.’
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS