

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination June 2009

# **Religious Studies**

# **RSS09**

# Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

# Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:an AQA 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, 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 Buddhism

Answer **two** questions.

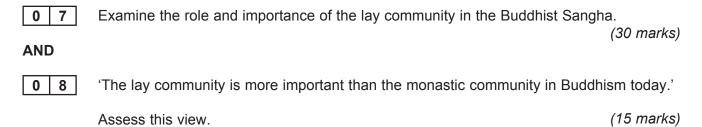
Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Samsara and the three marks of existence				
0 1	Explain the meaning and significance of the concept of samsara for Buddhist	s. (30 marks)		
AND		(50 marks)		
0 2	'The Buddhist attitude towards life is pessimistic.'			
	Assess the truth of this claim.	(15 marks)		
Question 2 The Four Noble Truths				
0 3	Examine the teachings about nibbana in Buddhism.	(30 marks)		
AND				
0 4	'Nibbana is an unattainable goal for most Buddhists.'			
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)		

### Question 3 The Eightfold Path

0 5	Explain the teachings on right mindfulness and right concentration in the Eight	
AND		(30 marks)
0 6	'Meditation is the essential basis of the Buddhist way of life.'	
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)

#### Question 4 The Sangha



# Section B Hinduism

Answer two questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

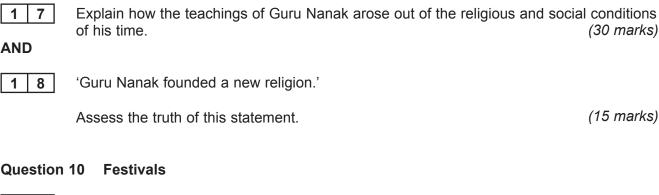
Question 5 The Hindu concept of God				
09	Examine the nature and role of goddesses in Hinduism.	(30 marks)		
AND				
1 0	'In Hinduism, goddesses have more importance than male deities.'			
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)		
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Question	6 Means to liberation in Hinduism			
1 1	Examine the nature of atman and self-realisation in Hinduism.	(30 marks)		
AND				
1 2	To what extent is self-realisation an impossible goal for most Hindus?	(15 marks)		
Question 7 Worship in Hinduism				
1 3	Examine the various forms of worship which take place in Hindu temples (ma	ndirs). <i>(30 marks)</i>		
AND				
1 4	'Temple worship is an essential part of the Hindu way of life.'			
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)		
Question	8 The Hindu way of life			
1 5	Examine the role and importance of ashrams in Hinduism.	(30 marks)		
AND				
1 6	'The home rather than the ashram is the best place for learning about the Hin life.'	du way of		
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)		
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### Section C Sikhism

#### Answer **two** questions.

Each question has two parts. Answer both parts of each question chosen.

#### Question 9 The Gurus



9 Explain the nature and meaning of the festival of Diwali for Sikhs today. (30 marks) 1

### AND

- 2 0 The celebration of Diwali has more social importance than religious meaning for Sikhs today.'
  - (15 marks) Assess this view.

#### **Question 11** The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara

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#### (30 marks) Explain how the Guru Granth Sahib is used by Sikhs.

### AND

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2 'The Guru Granth Sahib is listened to but not understood by most Sikhs.' (15 marks)

Assess the truth of this claim.

#### Question 12 **Diwali and langar**

Explain both how the langar was established in the past and how it is practised today. 2 3 (30 marks)

# AND

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4 'The langar is even more important today than it was in the past.'

Assess this view.

# END OF QUESTIONS



(30 marks)

(15 marks)