



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
June 2010

## Religious Studies

## RSS09

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Monday 7 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.15 am

**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.

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**Section A BUDDHISM**Answer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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**Question 1 Samsara and the three marks of existence**

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 Examine Buddhist teachings on dukkha. *(30 marks)*

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 'Buddhism is focussed more on suffering than on freedom from suffering.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

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 Examine Buddhist teachings on the experience of the arahant in this world and beyond death. *(30 marks)*

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 'Becoming an arahant is an unrealistic goal for most Buddhists.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

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 Examine the meaning and importance of right mindfulness and right concentration in the Eightfold Path. *(30 marks)*

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 'It is impossible to follow the Buddhist way of life without practising meditation regularly.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 4 The Sangha**

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 Explain the relationship between monastic and lay communities in Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

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 'Without the example and guidance of the monastic Sangha, members of the lay community would never gain enlightenment.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

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## Section B HINDUISM

Answer **two** questions.

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

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### Question 5 The Hindu concept of God

**0 9** Examine the concept of Brahman in its personal and impersonal forms. *(30 marks)*

and

**1 0** 'The impersonal form of God is of little relevance to most Hindus.'

Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

### Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism

**1 1** Examine jnana yoga and karma yoga as means to liberation in Hinduism. *(30 marks)*

and

**1 2** 'Karma yoga is an essential part of the Hindu way of life, whereas jnana yoga is optional.'

Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

### Question 7 Worship in Hinduism

**1 3** Examine the nature and purpose of puja in the home. *(30 marks)*

and

**1 4** 'For Hindus the most important forms of worship can only take place in temples.'

How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

### Question 8 The Hindu way of life

**1 5** Examine the meaning and importance of the stages of grihastha (householder) and sannyasin (homeless wanderer) for Hindus. *(30 marks)*

and

**1 6** 'The role of the grihastha is the complete opposite to the role of the sannyasin.'

How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*

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**Section C SIKHISM**Answer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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**Question 9 The Gurus**

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 Examine how and why Guru Gobind Singh formed the Khalsa. (30 marks)

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 'Without the formation of the Khalsa, Sikhism would not have become a significant religion.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 10 Festivals**

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 Examine the celebration and significance of Diwali for Sikhs. (30 marks)

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 'Only the celebration of festivals like Diwali will keep the Sikh community together.'

Evaluate this view. (15 marks)

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

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 Examine the formation and content of the Guru Granth Sahib. (30 marks)

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 'The Guru Granth Sahib is of little importance for many Sikhs today.'

Evaluate this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 12 Diwan and langar**

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 Examine the nature and purpose of worship in the Sikh home. (30 marks)

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 Assess this view that, in Sikhism, worship in the gurdwara is more important than worship in the home. (15 marks)**END OF QUESTIONS**