



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS09

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Wednesday 12 January 2011 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 the Buddhist concepts of anatta and anicca. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The concept of anicca can only be fully understood through personal experience.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

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 Examine the framework of the Four Noble Truths. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The Four Noble Truths can never be fully understood until enlightenment has been attained.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)***Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

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 Examine the nature of morality in the Eightfold Path. *(30 marks)*

and

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 How far do you agree that morality is the basis of the Buddhist way of life? *(15 marks)***Question 4 The Sangha**

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 Examine the nature and discipline of the monastic Sangha in Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The monastic way of life is superior to the way of life of the lay Buddhist.'  
Assess this claim. *(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**

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 Examine the concept of avatar in Hinduism. *(30 marks)*

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 Assess the claim that, for Hindus, God is unknowable except in a personal form. *(15 marks)***Question 6 Means of liberation in Hinduism**

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 Examine the similarities and differences between bhakti yoga and karma yoga as means to liberation. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Yoga is not essential in Hinduism.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

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 Examine the role of the temple as a place of worship in Hinduism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'For Hindus, God is everywhere so there is no need for special places of worship.'  
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)***Question 8 The Hindu way of life**

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 Explain the four stages of life in Hinduism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The Hindu way of life is perfectly expressed in the home.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Turn over for Section C****Turn over ►**

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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 the life and teachings of Guru Nanak. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Guru Nanak strongly challenged the religious culture of his time.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 10 Festivals**

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 Explain the meaning of Vaisakhi and the ways in which Sikhs celebrate this festival. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The celebration of Vaisakhi makes little contribution to Sikh life and faith.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

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 Explain the meaning and purpose of the main features of the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The Golden Temple has little relevance for Sikhs in the United Kingdom.'  
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)***Question 12 Diwan and langar**

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 Explain the meaning and practice of langar for Sikhs. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Langar today has little connection with its original intentions.'  
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**