



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 26 May 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.

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

Question 1 Samsara and the three marks of existence

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 Examine how the Buddhist understanding of dukkha might affect the Buddhist attitude towards life. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The Buddhist understanding of dukkha is simply common sense.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)***Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

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 Outline the various types of craving (tanha) and explain how they lead to suffering. *(30 marks)*

and

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 Assess the claim that the main goal of Buddhism is to end suffering. *(15 marks)***Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

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 Examine the nature of wisdom as part of the Eightfold Path. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Without wisdom there is no meaning or purpose in the Eightfold Path.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)***Question 4 The Sangha**

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 Explain the meaning of Sangha within Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The monastic Sangha provides an escape from the responsibilities of life.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

Section B HINDUISMAnswer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 5 The Hindu concept of God

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 Examine the main characteristics of the personal deities Krishna and Rama. (30 marks)

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 'In Hinduism, personal deities have more importance than abstract forms of God.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism

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 Examine the relationship between Brahman and atman in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and

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 'A realisation of the relationship between Brahman and atman can come about only through meditation.'

How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 7 Worship in Hinduism

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 Examine the nature and importance of the practice of puja in the home. (30 marks)

and

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 'Puja in the home is the basis of the Hindu way of life.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 8 The Hindu way of life

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 Examine the role and importance of temple priests in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and

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 'The path of the holy man is superior to the path of the householder in Hinduism.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

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

Question 9 The Gurus

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 Examine the contributions of Guru Har Gobind and Guru Tegh Bahadur to Sikhism during their lifetimes. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'The human gurus are losing their significance for Sikhs today.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 10 Festivals**

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 Explain how and why Gurburbs are celebrated. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'Gurburbs only look to the past.'
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)***Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

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 Examine the various uses of the Guru Granth Sahib by Sikhs today. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'Hearing the words of the Guru Granth Sahib is more important than understanding what they mean.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 12 Diwan and langar**

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 Examine the concept and practice of sewa in Sikhism. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'For Sikhs, the practice of sewa is more important than simply having faith.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**