



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 16 May 2012 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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 Explain the concepts of dukkha and anicca. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The concepts of dukkha and anicca can only be understood through experience.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)***Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

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

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 'The Four Noble Truths are the only basis for the Buddhist way of life.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

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 Explain the nature and purpose of meditation in the Eightfold Path. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Meditation is not essential to the Buddhist way of life'.
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 4 The Sangha**

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 Examine the relationship between the lay community and the monastic community in Buddhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The monastic way of life is the best way to reach enlightenment in Buddhism.'
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 Hindu concept of God as expressed in the Trimurti. (30 marks)

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 How far do you agree with the view that the Trimurti shows that Hinduism is a polytheistic religion? (15 marks)**Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism**

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 Examine jnana yoga and bhakti yoga as paths to liberation. (30 marks)

and

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 'Jnana yoga is superior to bhakti yoga as a path to liberation.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

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 Examine the design and purpose of temples (mandirs) in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and

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 'Temples (mandirs) have little importance for Hindus.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)**Question 8 The Hindu way of life**

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 Examine the role of holy men in Hinduism with particular reference to sadhus and rishis. (30 marks)

and

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 'The path of the holy man is no longer important in Hinduism.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Turn over for Section C****Turn over ►**

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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 Outline the life of Guru Arjan and examine the ways in which he contributed to the development of Sikhism. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'Guru Arjan had only a limited role in the development of Sikhism.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 10 Festivals**

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 Outline how Vaisakhi is celebrated in the gurdwara and in the local community and explain the significance of Vaisakhi for Sikhs. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'Vaisakhi looks to the past, so it has no relevance for Sikhs today.'
How far do you agree? *(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)***and**

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 'The Guru Granth Sahib is important only to a minority of Sikhs.'
Assess this view. *(15 marks)***Question 12 Diwan and langar**

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 Explain how langar is 'a laboratory of sewa'. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'Langar is essential in Sikh life today.'
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**