



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST3G

Unit 3G World Religions 1
Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Thursday 31 May 2012 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 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 RST3G.
- 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 100.
- 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 Themes in Mahayana Buddhism

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 Examine the concepts of bodhisattva and bodhicitta in Mahayana Buddhism. (30 marks)

and

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 'The concepts of bodhisattva and bodhicitta are the most distinctive features of Mahayana Buddhism.'

Assess this view. (20 marks)

Question 2 Aspects of Buddhist philosophy

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 Examine the teachings contained in the Tibetan Wheel of Life. (30 marks)

and

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 'The teachings in the Tibetan Wheel of Life have little effect on the way Buddhists live their lives.'

How far do you agree? (20 marks)

Question 3 Meditation

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 Explain the importance of meditation for Buddhists, with particular reference to metta meditation. (30 marks)

and

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 'Metta meditation is useless if it is not put into practice in daily life.'

Assess this view. (20 marks)

Question 4 Buddhist ethics

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 Explain the meaning and application of each of the five precepts. (30 marks)

and

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 'The application of the five precepts is an impossible ideal in society today.'

How far do you agree? (20 marks)

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

Question 5 Foundations of Hinduism

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 Examine the social and religious features of the Indus Valley Civilisation. (30 marks)

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 'It is impossible to understand Hinduism without a knowledge of the Indus Valley Civilisation.'

Assess this view. (20 marks)

Question 6 Hindu dharma

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 Explain the meaning of Sanatana Dharma and examine its importance in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and

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 'Sanatana Dharma contradicts varnashramadharma.'

How far do you agree? (20 marks)

Question 7 Hinduism and society in the modern world

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 Examine ways in which Gandhi attempted to reform Hinduism. (30 marks)

and

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 'Gandhi had little impact on Hinduism during his lifetime.'

Assess this view. (20 marks)

Question 8 Hindu philosophy

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 Analyse the main features of the Advaita Vedanta philosophy of Shankaracharya. (30 marks)

and

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 'Advaita Vedanta philosophy has little relevance for those Hindus who worship deities.'

How far do you agree? (20 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 Sikh identity, marriage and family life

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 Examine the meaning of amritdhari, keshdhari and patit in relation to Sikh identity. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Only amritdhari Sikhs are true Sikhs.'
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)***Question 10 Key concepts and beliefs**

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 Examine the concepts of mukti and haumai in Sikhism. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Belief in the concepts of mukti and haumai is all that is needed to give Sikhs meaning and purpose in life.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 11 Sikh ethics and conduct**

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 Explain why the Rahit Maryada was published and examine its contents. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'It is impossible to follow Sikh ethics in a secular society.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 12 Equality and sewa**

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 Outline the teachings of the Gurus on gender and explain how they are applied today to the membership and organisation of gurdwaras. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Equality of gender will never be achieved in Sikhism.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**