



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS09

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Monday 13 May 2013 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.  
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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 understanding of the cycle of death and rebirth. (30 marks)

and

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 'A Buddhist way of life is completely dominated by beliefs about death and rebirth.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

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 Examine the Buddhist teaching on tanha (craving). (30 marks)

and

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 'Buddhists will never be totally free from craving until they attain nibbana.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)**Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

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 Outline the nature of morality and examine its importance in the Eightfold Path. (30 marks)

and

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 'Buddhists practise morality for their own benefit rather than for the benefit of others.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)**Question 4 The Sangha**

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

and

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 'The monks need the lay community more than the lay community needs the monks.'  
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**

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 Examine the concept of Brahman as personal and impersonal. (30 marks)

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 'For Hindus, God is knowable only in personal form.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism**

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 Explain the paths of karma yoga and bhakti yoga as means to liberation. (30 marks)

and

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 How far do you agree that karma yoga is the highest form of yoga? (15 marks)**Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

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 Examine the forms of worship and festival celebrations which take place in Hindu temples. (30 marks)

and

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 'Temples are essential to the Hindu way of life.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)**Question 8 The Hindu way of life**

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

and

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 'In Hinduism, gurus are more important than temple priests.'  
How far do you agree? (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 achievements of Guru Gobind Singh. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'Guru Gobind Singh is the most important Guru for Sikhs today.'  
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)***Question 10 Festivals**

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 Outline the celebration of Diwali in the home and community and examine its meaning for Sikhs. *(30 marks)*

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 'The celebration of Diwali is a vital part of Sikh life and faith today.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)***Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

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 Explain the significance of the main features of the Golden Temple complex at Amritsar. *(30 marks)*

and

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 'The Golden Temple in Amritsar has little relevance for Sikhs in the United Kingdom today.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)***Question 12 Diwan and langar**

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

and

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 'For Sikhs, worship in the home is more meaningful than worship in the gurdwara.'  
How far do you agree? *(15 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**