



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 6 June 2013 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.
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 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 distinctive features of Pure Land Buddhism. (30 marks)

and

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 'Pure Land Buddhism is the easy path of Buddhism.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)**Question 2 Aspects of Buddhist philosophy**

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 Examine the teachings of the Madhyamaka school of Buddhist philosophy. (30 marks)

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 'The teachings of the Madhyamaka school add nothing to the teaching of the historical Buddha.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**Question 3 Meditation**

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 Explain the aims and methods of vipassana and samatha meditation. (30 marks)

and

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 'Buddhist meditation is more of a therapy than a religious practice.'
How far do you agree? (20 marks)**Question 4 Buddhist ethics**

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 Examine the ethical teachings of Buddhism. (30 marks)

and

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 'Buddhist ethics are too idealistic for society today.'
Assess this claim. (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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 Explain the various concepts of god which are found in the Vedas. (30 marks)

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 'The concepts of god in the Vedas are contradictory.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)**Question 6 Hindu dharma**

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 Examine the concept of dharma and explain its role in the Hindu way of life. (30 marks)

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 'Dharma is an ideal rather than a code of conduct for everyday life.'
Assess this view. (20 marks)**Question 7 Hinduism and society in the modern world**

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 Examine the nature and appeal of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). (30 marks)

and

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 How far do you agree that ISKCON has been successful in transforming Hinduism? (20 marks)**Question 8 Hindu philosophy**

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 Examine the Hindu teachings on the nature of human destiny with reference to reincarnation and moksha. (30 marks)

and

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 'Reincarnation is more important to Hindus than moksha.'
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 amrit sanskar and explain the importance of this ritual in Sikhism. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'In order to be a true Sikh, it is essential to partake in amrit sanskar.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 10 Key concepts and beliefs**

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 Examine the concepts of kirt karo, nam japo and sewa within Sikhism. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'Sikhs are more concerned with good actions than with faith in God.'
Assess this view. *(20 marks)***Question 11 Sikh ethics and conduct**

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 Examine the meaning and significance of dharam yudh (just war) for Sikhs. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'For Sikhs, it is impossible to combine spirituality with the use of force.'
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)***Question 12 Equality and sewa**

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 Examine the teachings of the Gurus on caste and religious tolerance. *(30 marks)***and**

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 'The caste system is still alive in the Sikh community in the UK today.'
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**