



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS09

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Tuesday 13 May 2014 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 **Paper Reference** is RSS09.
- Choose **one** Section only.
Section A Buddhism page 2 or
Section B Hinduism page 4 or
Section C Sikhism page 6
- Answer **two** questions in the section you have chosen.
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.

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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Outline the concept of dukkha and explain how a belief in dukkha affects the Buddhist way of life.

[30 marks]**and**

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'Dukkha is the most important concept in Buddhism.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

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Examine the concept of tanha (craving) and its implications for the Buddhist attitude to life.

[30 marks]**and**

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How far do you agree with the view that 'in this world tanha (craving) can never cease'?

[15 marks]**Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

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Examine the nature and role of wisdom in the Eightfold Path.

[30 marks]**and**

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'In Buddhism, without wisdom there is little point in meditation.'

How far do you agree with this view?

[15 marks]

Question 4 The Sangha

0 7 Examine the life and discipline of the lay community (Sangha) in Buddhism. **[30 marks]**

and

0 8 'The life of the lay Buddhist is harder than that of the Buddhist monk.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

Turn over for Section B

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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 importance of the following deities in Hinduism:

- Krishna
- Ganesh.

[30 marks]**and**

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 'Personal gods have more meaning for Hindus than impersonal concepts of God.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism**

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 Examine the nature of both atman and of self-realisation in Hinduism.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'Beliefs in atman and self-realisation are not important to most Hindus.'

How far do you agree with this view?

[15 marks]**Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

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 Examine the importance of puja, havan and yajna in Hindu worship.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'In Hinduism there is no need for such worship to take place in temples as God is everywhere.'

Assess this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 8 The Hindu way of life

1 5 Examine the importance of holy men in Hinduism.

[30 marks]

and

1 6 'In Hinduism, the path of the holy man is the best way of life.'

Assess this claim.

[15 marks]

Turn over for Section C

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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 Arjan and Guru Tegh Bahadur to Sikhism. **[30 marks]****and**

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 'Guru Arjan and Guru Tegh Bahadur had only a limited effect on the development of Sikhism.'
Assess this claim. **[15 marks]****Question 10 Festivals**

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 Examine the significance of festivals for Sikhs. (You should refer to at least **two** festivals in your answer.) **[30 marks]****and**

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 'In Sikhism, the public nature of festivals is more important than their inner meaning.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]****Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

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 Explain the authority of the Guru Granth Sahib for Sikhs. **[30 marks]****and**

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 'An understanding of the Guru Granth Sahib is all that is needed to be a good Sikh.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

Question 12 Diwan and langar

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 Examine the nature and purpose of worship (diwan) in the gurdwara.

[30 marks]

and

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 'To perform sewa in everyday life is more important than to worship in the gurdwara.'

How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

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