



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST3G

Unit 3G World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Wednesday 10 June 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

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Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST3G.
- 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 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding. 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 each of the following ideas in Mahayana Buddhism:

- the bodhisattva
- compassion.

[30 marks]

and

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 'Mahayana Buddhism is nothing more than compassion put into practice.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 2 Aspects of Buddhist philosophy**

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 Examine the doctrine of dependent origination (paticcasamuppada) as expressed in the Tibetan Wheel of Life.**[30 marks]**

and

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 'The doctrine of dependent origination (paticcasamuppada) has little value for Buddhists today.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 3 Meditation**

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 Outline the nature of metta meditation **and** examine the importance of metta meditation for Buddhists.**[30 marks]**

and

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 'Metta meditation is a secular rather than a religious practice.'

How far do you agree with this view?

[20 marks]

Question 4 Buddhist ethics

0 7 Outline the nature of the five precepts **and** examine the implications of the five precepts for Buddhists today. **[30 marks]**

and

0 8 'The five precepts are more relevant to the individual than to society.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Turn over for Section B

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 nature and use of the Vedas in Hindu life and worship. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'The Vedas are the most important source for Hindu beliefs.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]****Question 6 Hindu dharma**

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 Examine the concept of Sanatana Dharma as a fundamental principle in guiding moral behaviour. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'Sanatana Dharma is no longer central to the Hindu way of life.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]****Question 7 Hinduism and society in the modern world**

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 Examine the ways in which Ram Mohan Roy and Dayananda Saraswati attempted to reform Hinduism in the 19th and 20th centuries. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'Ram Mohan Roy was more successful than Dayananda Saraswati in his attempts to reform Hinduism.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Question 8 Hindu philosophy

1 5 Examine the Hindu concepts of samsara and reincarnation.

[30 marks]

and

1 6 'Samsara has little significance for Hindus in the 21st century.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]

Turn over for Section C

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 nature of Sikh identity.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'Outward signs are essential to Sikh identity.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 10 Key concepts and beliefs**

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 Explain the concept of God found in the Mul Mantra **and** examine the importance of the Mul Mantra for Sikhs.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'The Mul Mantra is the most important source for a Sikh's faith in God.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**Question 11 Sikh ethics and conduct**

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 Explain the concepts of miri and piri **and** examine how they have been expressed in Sikhism.**[30 marks]****and**

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 'The concepts of miri and piri are irrelevant to Sikhs in the 21st century.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]

Question 12 Equality and sewa

2 3 Examine the Gurus' teachings on equality with particular reference to:

- the role and status of women
- attitudes towards other faiths.

[30 marks]

and

2 4 'It is impossible for Sikhs to achieve their ideals of equality in today's world.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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