

# A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## 2F: Sikhism and Ethics

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Specimen 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer:
  - the question from Section A, and
  - **both** two-part questions from Section B and
  - **one** question from Section C
- 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 two-part question in Sections A and B, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- The one-part question in Section C tests your knowledge and understanding and 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: Study of Religion**

Answer **both** parts of the question in this section.

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**Question 01**

- 0 1** . **1** Examine why there are different views in Sikhism concerning the issues of:
- marriage
  - homosexuality
- You should refer to both issues.

**[10 marks]**

**and**

- 0 1** . **2** 'Sikh feminism has had little impact on Sikhism.'  
Assess this view.

**[15 marks]**

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**Section B: Ethics and Religion**

Answer **both** questions in this section.  
Each question has two parts.

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**Question 02**

**0 2** . **1** Examine the differences between a deontological and a teleological approach to **religious** ethical decision-making. Illustrate your answer with reference to lying.

[10 marks]

and

**0 2** . **2** 'A deontological system of ethical decision-making is unsatisfactory from a religious perspective.'  
Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

**Question 03**

**0 3** . **1** Examine how differing beliefs about the conscience may influence its use as a guide to moral decision-making.

[10 marks]

and

**0 3** . **2** 'From a religious perspective, embryo research cannot be justified.'  
Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

**Turn over for Section C**

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**Section C: The dialogue between ethics and religion**

Answer **one** question from this section.

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**Question 04**

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'Sikh ideas of moral responsibility have been undermined by understandings of the nature of free will.'

Critically discuss and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Sikhism and ethical studies.

[25 marks]

OR

**Question 05**

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'Sikh understandings of the status and rights of animals have been undermined by ethical studies into animal rights.'

Critically discuss and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Sikhism and ethical studies.

[25 marks]

**END OF QUESTIONS**