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Religious Studies

Advanced

Paper 4: Study of Religion

Option 4F: Sikhism

Wednesday 20 June 2018 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference

9RS0/4F

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Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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2 Assess the importance of the Rehat Maryada.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

'Women have the right to become granthis (custodians of gurdwaras who also act as caretakers of the Guru Granth Sahib, the sacred scripture of the Sikhs), ragis (professional musicians of kirtan), and panj piars (the five beloved who administer the initiation rite), but there is no mention of the fact that women rarely, if ever, become granthis or panj piars. Moreover, in many gurdwaras, a married Sikh woman is not allowed to partake in the Amrit (initiation) ceremony, unless she is accompanied by her husband. Further, while women are encouraged to cook, clean, and wash dishes for the Sikh communal meal (langar), in many cases they are not permitted to enter the sanctorum of the temple, the special chambers where the copies of the Guru Granth Sahib are placed, known as the Sach Khand. While the occasional woman may break cultural barriers and become one of the 'beloved five' in the local Sikh gurdwara, she will generally do so only in the company of an all-woman panj piare within the confines of the istri sabha or all women's gathering.

(Source: Extract adapted from 'Sikhism, Interfaith Dialogue, and Women: Transformation and Identity', Jakobsh, D.R. (2006), Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify attitudes to the role of women within Sikhism illustrated in this passage.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the ways in which feminist approaches to Sikhism have been explored.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



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SECTION C

4 Evaluate the impact on Guru Nanak’s beliefs, values and teachings of the existing thought and practices of his time.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Sikhism have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies.

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