

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE)

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Paper 8 Sikhism

MONDAY 19 MAY 2008

Afternoon
Time: 1 hour

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 43.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

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Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.



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- 1 (a) Describe how Sikhs celebrate Hola Mohalla. [8]
- (b) Explain why Gurpurbs are an important part of the Sikh faith. [7]
- (c) 'Festivals are an essential part of a religion.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [5]

- 2 (a) Describe a Sikh naming ceremony. [8]
- (b) Explain why the Amrit Sanskar is an important ceremony for some Sikhs. [7]
- (c) 'Religious ceremonies do not strengthen the faith of a believer.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [5]

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- 3 (a)** Describe how Guru Nanak Dev Ji started the Sikh faith. [8]
- (b)** Explain how **and** why Sikhs might show respect for the Gurus. [7]
- (c)** 'Religious leaders are born not made.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [5]

- 4 (a)** Describe the Nishan Sahib and what the symbols on it represent. [8]
- (b)** Explain the importance of prashad for a Sikh. [7]
- (c)** 'Symbols do not help Sikhs to understand their faith.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

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