

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)
PAPER 8 - Sikhism

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Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials: Answer paper
Candidates answer on separate answer paper provided.

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 64.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.

1



A procession on the Gurburb of the birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji

- (a) Describe how Sikhs celebrate Divali. [8]
- (b) Explain how the celebration of Gurburbs might strengthen the Sikh community. [7]
- (c) 'Religious people should live for today and forget about the past.'

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 how Sikhs show respect for the Guru Granth Sahib Ji in the gurdwara. [8]
 - (b) Explain the importance of the langar for the life of a Sikh community. [7]
 - (c) 'Being a Sikh is mainly about helping others.'

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

- 3
- (a) Describe a Sikh funeral ceremony. [8]
 - (b) How might belief in rebirth affect the life of a Sikh? [7]
 - (c) 'Religious people should not be afraid of dying.'

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 ceremony when a Sikh joins the Khalsa. [8]
- (b) Explain how the Five Ks might remind Sikhs of their duty to the Khalsa. [7]
- (c) 'Going through an initiation ceremony does not make a person more religious.'

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]

- 5 (a) Describe how Guru Nanak Dev Ji started Sikhism. [8]
- (b) Explain how Sikhs might show respect for the teachings of the Gurus in their daily lives. [7]
- (c) 'All the Gurus are equally important.'

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]

