



## GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)

## Paper 8 Sikhism

**2308/1**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

### OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

### Other Materials Required:

None

**Monday 24 May 2010**  
**Morning**

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

## 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.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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



- 1 (a) Describe what might be seen in a gurdwara. [8]  
 (b) Explain the importance of a gurdwara for Sikhs. [7]  
 (c) 'Sikhs do not need to worship together.'

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

- 2 (a) Describe how prashad is used during Sikh ceremonies. [8]  
 (b) Explain why the langar is an important part of the Sikh way of life. [7]  
 (c) 'Sikhism is all about equality.'

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

- 3 (a) Describe the main events which take place during the celebration of Baisakhi. [8]  
 (b) Explain why celebrating Baisakhi is important for Sikhs. [7]  
 (c) 'Festivals do not help a believer to follow their 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]

- 4 (a) Describe the Sikh initiation ceremony. [8]
- (b) Explain how the Five Ks help a Sikh to fulfil their duty to the Khalsa. [7]
- (c) 'Initiation ceremonies do not affect the way a person lives.'

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 what might take place during a Sikh funeral ceremony. [8]
- (b) Explain how belief in rebirth might affect the life of a Sikh. [7]
- (c) 'A religious person should not fear death.'

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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