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**WORLD RELIGIONS  
STANDARD LEVEL  
PAPER 1**

Wednesday 2 May 2012 (afternoon)

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**QUESTION BOOKLET – INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer a total of five questions selecting at least one question from:
  - Section A
  - and
  - Section B
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  - Section C.
- Each question is worth *[10 marks]*.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[50 marks]*.



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Answer a total of **five** questions, selecting **at least one** from **each** section.

**SECTION A**

**Hinduism**

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 1. “Those who take refuge in me, striving for liberation from old age and death, come to know Brahman, the Self, and the nature of all action.”

*Bhagavad Gita 7:29*

- (a) Describe the connection between “the nature of all action” and “liberation from old age and death”. *[3 marks]*

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- (b) Explain what Krishna means when he refers to coming “to know Brahman, the Self ...” *[7 marks]*

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**Buddhism**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

- 2. “There is no fire like passion,  
No grip like hate,  
No net like delusion,  
No river like craving.”

*Dhammapada 251*

- (a) What is understood by “delusion” in this passage? *[3 marks]*

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- (b) Explain the connection between the “craving” (tanha) and the Buddhist view of the human condition. *[7 marks]*

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**Sikhism**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

3. “Nam is within us, how can it be reached?  
It is Nam that works everywhere and permeates all space.  
The perfect Guru awakens your heart to the vision of Nam.  
It is by the grace of the God that one meets such an enlightenment.”

*Guru Granth Sahib 1242*

- (a) What is understood by “Nam” in this passage? *[3 marks]*

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- (b) Explain how Sikhism suggests that the Nam can be reached or realized. *[7 marks]*

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**SECTION B**

**Judaism**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

4. “So God created humankind in His image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

*Genesis 1:27*

- (a) Define what Jews may understand by the phrase “in His image”. *[3 marks]*

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- (b) Analyse the implications for Jews of having free will. *[7 marks]*

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**Christianity**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

5. “Then the LORD God said, ‘See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever’ – therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.”

*Genesis 3:22–23*

(a) How do the statements in this passage relate to the concept of the Fall? *[3 marks]*

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(b) Explain what Christianity teaches about salvation. *[7 marks]*

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**Islam**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

6. “Such is Allah, your Sustainer/Lord (rabb): there is no deity but He, the Creator of everything: worship then Him [alone] for it is He who has everything in His care.”

*Qur'an, Surat al-An'am 6:102*

(a) How do the statements in this passage relate to the concept of tawhid? *[3 marks]*

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(b) Explain ways in which a Muslim can acknowledge, and live by, the doctrine of tawhid. *[7 marks]*

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**SECTION C**

**Taoism**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

- 7. “Accept disgrace willingly,  
Accept misfortune as the human condition.”

Lao-Tzu, *Tao Te Ching* 13

- (a) Comment on what is meant by “Accept disgrace willingly”. *[3 marks]*

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- (b) Explain how disgrace and misfortune relate to the Taoist understanding of the human condition. *[7 marks]*

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**Jainism**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

8. “He alone is competent to expound the perfect, supreme and true dharma who is atmagupta [feels at one with the soul], who is always danta [who has controlled or conquered his passions], and who has destroyed the channels that permit the influx of karma.”

Sambodhi, *Atmamulakadharm-Pratipadana* 31

(a) Comment on the qualities of the enlightened human being from this passage. [3 marks]

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(b) Explain what is meant by “the influx of karma” and how this relates to the Jain doctrine of final liberation (kevala). [7 marks]

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**Baha'i Faith**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

- 9. "The purpose of God in creating man hath been, and will ever be, to enable him to know his Creator and to attain His Presence. To this most excellent aim, this supreme objective, all the heavenly Books and the divinely-revealed and weighty Scriptures unequivocally bear witness."

*Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh (1976)*

- (a) Define what is meant by "The purpose of God in creating man hath been, and will ever be, to enable him to know his Creator and to attain His Presence". *[3 marks]*

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- (b) Explain how the teachings in this passage relate to Baha'i belief in an afterlife. *[7 marks]*

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