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 PAPER 1**

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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
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 - Section B
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 - Section C.
- Write your answers in the boxes provided.
- 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. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

SECTION A

Answer **at least one** question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Hinduism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 1. “There are two paths, Arjuna, which the soul may follow at the time of death. One leads to rebirth and the other to liberation.”

Bhagavad Gita 8:23

- (a) Define what is meant by “soul” in this passage. [3]

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(b) Distinguish between the “two paths” that Krishna mentions to Arjuna.

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 2. "People assailed by craving run around like a hunted hare. Held fast by attachments ... they go to misery again and again for a long time."

Dhammapada 342

- (a) Outline what is meant by, "they go to misery again and again for a long time". [3]

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- (b) Analyse the importance of tanha (craving) and the eradicating of tanha in the Buddhist view of human existence. [7]

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

3. “You have obtained this human body, so very difficult to obtain.
This opportunity shall not come into your hands again.
So chant the Nam, the name of the Lord, and the noose of death shall be cut away.”

Guru Granth Sahib 258

- (a) Outline what is meant by “chanting the Nam”. [3]

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- (b) Explain the roles of nam japna as the means to achieve union with God. [7]

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SECTION B

Answer at least one question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Judaism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

4. “And the LORD God said, ‘Now that the man has become like one of us, knowing good and bad, what if he should stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever!’ So the LORD God banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the soil from which he was taken. He drove the man out, and stationed east of the garden of Eden the cherubim and the fiery ever-turning sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

Genesis 3:22

- (a) Identify what the phrase “become like one of us” means in this passage. [3]

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(b) Explain the Jewish understanding of this story.

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

5. “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 Christians might understand by “in his image”. [3]

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

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 6. “Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but [he is] the Messenger (rasul) of Allah, and the Seal of the Prophets (nabiyyin): and Allah has full knowledge of all things.”

Qur’an, Surat al-Ahzab 33:40

- (a) Define what is meant in this verse by the statement that Muhammad is “the Seal of the Prophets”. [3]

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- (b) Explain some of the ways in which the Prophet Muhammad enables a Muslim to live by Allah’s guidance. [7]

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SECTION C

Answer **at least one** question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Taoism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

7. “The Way that can be described is not the true Way.”
“The Name that can be named is not the constant Name.”

Lao-Tzu, *Tao Te Ching* 1

- (a) Comment on what Taoists understand by these opening lines of the Tao Te Ching. [3]

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(b) Explain what Taoists believe about the human condition.

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. “There is soul. The souls are eternal. There is bondage of Karma. There is a way to destroy the bondage of Karma. There is liberation. There is a way to reach to liberation.”

Sambodhi, *Gyeya-Heya-Upaadeya* 4

(a) Outline what is meant by “liberation” in this passage. [3]

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(b) Explain the Jain understanding of soul (jiva). [7]

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Baha'i Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

9. "The nature of the soul after death can never be described ... The Prophets and Messengers of God have been sent down for the sole purpose of guiding mankind to the straight Path of Truth. The light which these souls [after death] radiate is responsible for the progress of the world and the advancement of its peoples."

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

(a) Identify what important Baha'i teachings are found in this passage. [3]

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(b) Explain Baha'i beliefs about death and the afterlife. [7]

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