

World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

Wednesday 6 May 2015 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

1 hour 15 minutes

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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]**.



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. “Give it some thought, you miser-minded one;
remember if you can, and reflect.
Think of the pain, the harsh karmic past
That thrust you into the world that day
And smeared you with your mother’s blood
As you came into the womb again.”

Surdas, *Sur Sagar* 77

- (a) Identify what the author of the passage means by “karmic past”. [3]

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

3. “He realizes that coming and going are according to God’s Will.
He does not die, he is not reborn, and he does not suffer in pain;
His mind merges in the mind of God.
Very fortunate are those who find the true Guru.
They eradicate egotism and attachment from within.”

Guru Granth Sahib 1059

- (a) Identify the Sikh view of liberation in the passage.

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- (b) Analyse the key characteristics of the gurmukh (the liberated Sikh) from the passage.

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

5. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you [the disciples] that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

John 14:2–3

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage. [3]

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- (b) Explain Christian teaching about heaven, hell and purgatory. [7]

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

6. “As to the righteous [they will be in a] place of security, among gardens and springs, [...] there can they call for every kind of fruit, in peace and security; [as a favour] from thy Lord! [...]Nor will they there taste death, except for the first death.”

An interpretation of the *Qur'an*, *ad-Dukhan* 44:51–6 (adapted)

- (a) Identify **three** teachings about paradise in this passage. [3]

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- (b) Explain some of the doctrines relating to life after death in Islam. [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. “Less and less do you need to force things,
until finally you arrive at non-action.
When nothing is done,
nothing is left undone.

True mastery can be gained
by letting things go their own way.
It cannot be gained by interfering.”

Lao-Tzu, *Tao Te Ching* 48

- (a) Outline the meaning of “It [true mastery] cannot be gained by interfering”. [3]

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