

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination January 2012

Religious Studies



Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Tuesday 17 January 2012 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

• an AQA 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is RSS09.
- Choose one Section only. Section A Buddhism page 2 Section B Hinduism page 3 Section C Sikhism page 4
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
- use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Section A BUDDHISM

Answer two questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Samsara and the three marks of existence				
0 1 and	Examine the concept of samsara and explain how it affects a Buddhist's attitu	ide to life. <i>(30 marks)</i>		
02	'Belief in samsara can only lead to a pessimistic view of life.' Assess this view.	(15 marks)		
Question	2 The Four Noble Truths			
0 3	Examine the meaning of nibbana for Buddhists.	(30 marks)		
and				
0 4	'Nibbana can never be fully understood.'			
	How far do you agree?	(15 marks)		
Question 3 The Eightfold Path				
0 5	Examine the nature and purpose of the Eightfold Path for Buddhists.	(30 marks)		
and				
0 6	'Buddhists follow the Eightfold Path for their own benefit rather than for the benefit of others.'			
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)		
Question 4 The Sangha				
0 7	Examine the life and discipline of the lay community within Buddhism.	(30 marks)		
and				
0 8	'The way of the lay Buddhist is more important than the way of the monastic Sangha for Buddhism today.'			
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)		

Section B HINDUISM

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Answer two questions.

Each question has two parts. Answer both parts of each question chosen.

Question 5 The Hindu concept of God



Outline the role of goddesses in Hinduism, with particular reference to Lakshmi and Saraswati. (30 marks)

and



'Goddesses are significant to all Hindus.'

How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 6 Means of liberation in Hinduism



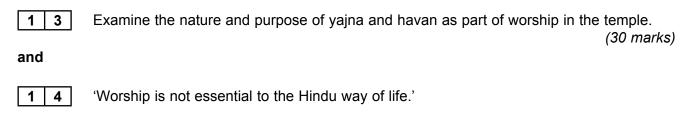
Examine the nature of atman and of self-realisation in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and



'For Hindus, belief in the concept of atman is more important than religious practice.' Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 7 Worship in Hinduism



Assess this view.

Question 8 The Hindu way of life



Examine the role and importance of ashrams in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and



'The ashram, rather than the home, provides the best place for developing the Hindu faith.'

Assess this view.

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(15 marks)

(15 marks)

Section C SIKHISM

Answer two questions.

Each question has two parts. Answer both parts of each question chosen.

Question 9 The Gurus

1 7	Explain how and why the Khalsa was formed.	(30 marks)		
and				
1 8	'Without the formation of the Khalsa, Sikhism would never have developed into a religion.'			
	Assess this view.	(15 marks)		
Question 10 Festivals				
1 9	Examine the Sikh celebration of Diwali and explain its significance for Sikhs.	(30 marks)		
and				
2 0	'The inner meaning of Diwali is more important than its public aspects.'			
	How far do you agree?	(15 marks)		

Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara



Examine the nature and role of the gurdwara. (30 marks)

and



'The gurdwara no longer meets the needs of Sikhs in the United Kingdom (UK).' How far do you agree? (15 marks)

(30 marks)

(15 marks)

Question 12 Diwan and langar

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and



'Worship in the home has little importance for Sikhs today.'

Examine the features of worship in the home.

Assess this view.

END OF QUESTIONS

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