

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



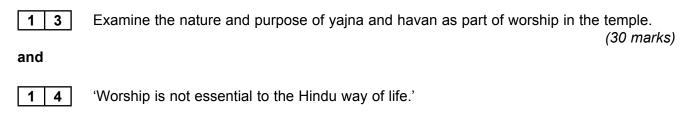
Examine the nature of atman and of self-realisation in Hinduism. (30 marks)

## 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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