



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS09

**Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism**

**Thursday 26 May 2011 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.

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**Question 1 Samsara and the three marks of existence**

**0 1** Examine how the Buddhist understanding of dukkha might affect the Buddhist attitude towards life. (30 marks)

and

**0 2** 'The Buddhist understanding of dukkha is simply common sense.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 2 The Four Noble Truths**

**0 3** Outline the various types of craving (tanha) and explain how they lead to suffering. (30 marks)

and

**0 4** Assess the claim that the main goal of Buddhism is to end suffering. (15 marks)

**Question 3 The Eightfold Path**

**0 5** Examine the nature of wisdom as part of the Eightfold Path. (30 marks)

and

**0 6** 'Without wisdom there is no meaning or purpose in the Eightfold Path.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 4 The Sangha**

**0 7** Explain the meaning of Sangha within Buddhism. (30 marks)

and

**0 8** 'The monastic Sangha provides an escape from the responsibilities of life.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)

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**Section B HINDUISM**

Answer **two** questions.

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

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**Question 5 The Hindu concept of God**

**0 9** Examine the main characteristics of the personal deities Krishna and Rama. (30 marks)

and

**1 0** 'In Hinduism, personal deities have more importance than abstract forms of God.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism**

**1 1** Examine the relationship between Brahman and atman in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and

**1 2** 'A realisation of the relationship between Brahman and atman can come about only through meditation.'

How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

**1 3** Examine the nature and importance of the practice of puja in the home. (30 marks)

and

**1 4** 'Puja in the home is the basis of the Hindu way of life.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 8 The Hindu way of life**

**1 5** Examine the role and importance of temple priests in Hinduism. (30 marks)

and

**1 6** 'The path of the holy man is superior to the path of the householder in Hinduism.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

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**Section C SIKHISM**

Answer **two** questions.

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

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**Question 9 The Gurus**

- 1 7** Examine the contributions of Guru Har Gobind and Guru Tegh Bahadur to Sikhism during their lifetimes. (30 marks)

and

- 1 8** 'The human gurus are losing their significance for Sikhs today.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 10 Festivals**

- 1 9** Explain how and why Gurburbs are celebrated. (30 marks)

and

- 2 0** 'Gurburbs only look to the past.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

- 2 1** Examine the various uses of the Guru Granth Sahib by Sikhs today. (30 marks)

and

- 2 2** 'Hearing the words of the Guru Granth Sahib is more important than understanding what they mean.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 12 Diwan and langar**

- 2 3** Examine the concept and practice of sewa in Sikhism. (30 marks)

and

- 2 4** 'For Sikhs, the practice of sewa is more important than simply having faith.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**