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Afternoon (Time: 1 hour 30 minutes)

Paper Reference **4RS1/02**

**Religious Studies**

**Paper 2: The Religious Community**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions from **either** Religion A Buddhism, Religion B Christianity, Religion C Hinduism, Religion D Islam, Religion E Judaism **or** Religion F Sikhism.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**RELIGION A: Buddhism**

If you answer Religion A: Buddhism put a cross in the box  .

**Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community**

1 (a) Outline **two** ways the Tripitaka is used in Buddhism. (4)

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(b) Explain why the sangha is important for many Buddhists. (6)

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(c) "The example of the Buddha's life gives all the guidance a Buddhist needs."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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**Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage**

**2** (a) Outline **two** practices associated with pilgrimage to Sarnath.

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(b) Explain why Nirvana Day is important for some Buddhists.

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(c) "Bodh Gaya is the most important place of pilgrimage for Buddhists."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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**Section 3: Worship and Practice**

3 (a) Outline **two** features of Buddhist birth rituals.

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(b) Explain the importance of the vihara for Buddhists.

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(c) "Marriage ceremonies are an important part of Buddhist practice."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

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- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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**TOTAL FOR RELIGION A = 60 MARKS**



Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION B: Christianity

If you answer Religion B: Christianity put a cross in the box  .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

1 (a) Outline **two** temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness.

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(b) Explain the importance of the Bible for Christians.

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(c) "Ordained ministers are important for all Christians."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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## Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

2 (a) Outline **two** ways in which Christians celebrate Christmas.

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(b) Explain why Jerusalem may be an important place of pilgrimage for Christians.

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(c) "Easter is the most important Christian festival."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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**Section 3: Worship and Practice**

**3** (a) Outline **two** external features of a Christian church.

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(b) Explain why funeral ceremonies are important for Christians.

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(c) "Christian churches should be more than just places of worship."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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**TOTAL FOR RELIGION B = 60 MARKS**



Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION C: Hinduism

If you answer Religion C: Hinduism put a cross in the box  .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

1 (a) Outline **two** teachings about mukti. (4)

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(b) Explain the importance of **either** Sri Ramakrishna **or** Mahatma Gandhi in the development of modern Hinduism. (6)

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(c) "Rama is the most important avatar of Vishnu."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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**Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage**

2 (a) Outline **two** features of pilgrimage to Varanasi.

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(b) Explain why sacred rivers are important to Hindus.

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(c) "Diwali is the most important Hindu festival."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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**Section 3: Worship and Practice**

**3** (a) Outline **two** internal features of a Hindu temple.

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(b) Explain why the death samskara is important in Hinduism.

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(c) "Hindu temples should only be used for worship."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**RELIGION D: Islam**

If you answer Religion D: Islam put a cross in the box  .

**Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community**

1 (a) Outline **two** teachings from the Prophet Muhammad's final sermon. (4)

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(b) Explain the importance of the Qur'an for Muslims. (6)

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(c) "The imam is an important leader for Sunni Muslims."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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**Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage**

**2 (a)** Outline **two** features of the celebration of Eid ul-Adha.

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**(b)** Explain the importance of Makkah for Muslims.

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(c) "Madinah is the most important city for Muslims."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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### Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** internal features of a mosque.

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(b) Explain the importance of the marriage ceremony for Muslims.

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(c) "Mosques are essential to Muslim communities."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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**TOTAL FOR RELIGION D = 60 MARKS**



Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**RELIGION E: Judaism**

If you answer Religion E: Judaism put a cross in the box  .

**Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community**

1 (a) Outline **two** roles of the Beth Din in Jewish life. (4)

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(b) Explain the importance of Moses for Jews. (6)

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(c) "The Talmud explains all that is needed to live a good Jewish life."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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## Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

2 (a) Outline **two** features of the celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

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(b) Explain the importance of Masada for Jewish people.

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(c) "It is important for Jews to visit Yad Vashem."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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**Section 3: Worship and Practice**

**3** (a) Outline **two** features of Brit Milah.

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(b) Explain the importance of the synagogue as a place of meeting.

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(c) "Shabbat is the most important celebration for Jews."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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**TOTAL FOR RELIGION E = 60 MARKS**



Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**RELIGION F: Sikhism**

If you answer Religion F: Sikhism put a cross in the box  .

**Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community**

- 1 (a) Outline **two** teachings of Guru Gobind Singh. (4)

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- (b) Explain the importance for many Sikhs of the Rahit Maryada. (6)

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(c) "The work of the granthi is an essential part of Sikhism."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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**Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage**

2 (a) Outline **two** ways in which Amritsar is important for Sikhs. (4)

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(b) Explain the attitude of Sikhs towards going on pilgrimage. (6)

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(c) "The celebrations of melas are the most important Sikh festivals."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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### Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** purposes of a gurdwara.

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(b) Explain the importance of death rituals for Sikhs.

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