

World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

Wednesday 6 May 2015 (afternoon)

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1 hour 15 minutes

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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(b) Deduce from the passage how the author perceives the human condition.

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 2. “All beings tremble at violence
All are afraid of death.
Seeing their likeness to yourself
You should neither kill, nor cause others to kill.”

Dhammapada 129

- (a) Outline the meaning of “Seeing their likeness to yourself, you should neither kill, nor cause others to kill”.

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- (b) Investigate the importance of non-violence within the Buddhist path to Enlightenment.

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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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Section B

Answer **at least one** question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Judaism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 4. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Daniel 12:2-3

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

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- (b) Analyse Jewish teaching about Olam Ha-Ba (the world to come). [7]

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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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(b) Investigate the meaning and importance of “non-action” in Taoism.

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. “One should know what binds the soul, and knowing, break free from bondage. He who grasps at even a little, whether living or lifeless, or consents to another doing so, will never be freed from sorrow; If a man kills living things, or slays by the hand of another, or consents to another slaying, his sin goes on increasing; The man who cares for his kin and companions is a fool who suffers much [...] All his wealth and relations cannot save him from sorrow.”

Sutrakritanga 1.1.1.1–5

- (a) Identify **three** ways by which, according to the passage, the human being can become free from karma. [3]

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- (b) Investigate what the passage tells us about the Jain understanding of how to remove suffering. [7]

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Baha'i Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

9. "Know also that the soul is endowed with two wings: should it soar in the atmosphere of love and contentment, then it will be related to the All-Merciful, and should it fly in the atmosphere of self and desire, then it will pertain to the Evil One; may God shield and protect us and protect you therefrom, O ye who perceive! Should the soul become ignited with the fire of the love of God, it is called benevolent and pleasing unto God, but should it be consumed with the fire of passion, it is known as the concupiscent [illicitly sexually desirous] soul. Thus have We expounded this subject for thee that thou mayest obtain a clear understanding."

Baha'u'llah, *The Summons of the Lord of Hosts*

(a) Comment on the meaning of this passage.

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(b) Explain Baha'u'llah's teachings about the soul.

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