

World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

Thursday 5 November 2015 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

1 hour 15 minutes

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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. "Happiness comes due to good actions, suffering results from evil actions, by actions, all things are obtained, by inaction, nothing whatsoever is enjoyed. [...] If one's action bore no fruit, then everything would be of no avail, if the world worked from fate alone, it would be neutralized."

Mahabharata xiii.6.10, 19

- (a) Describe **three** key points found in this passage. [3]

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 5. “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him’.”

John 14:6–7

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

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- (b) Explain how Christians believe they can reach God. [7]

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

6. "Praise belongs to God, Lord of the Worlds, the Lord of Mercy, the Giver of Mercy, Master of the Day of Judgement. It is You we worship; it is You we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path."

Qur'an 1: 2-6

- (a) Identify **three** reasons why Muslims are invited to praise God in their prayers. [3]

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- (b) Explain how Muslims may follow the teachings of this passage in their lives. [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. “Their hearts [the hearts of those who seek immortality] must be kind to all things. They must treat others as they treat themselves, and extend their humaneness even to insects. [...] Their hands must never injure life, and their mouths must never encourage evil.”

Ge Hong, *Pao-p'u-tzu* (adapted)

- (a) Identify **three** principles that are important to Taoists. [3]

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- (b) Comment on how “non-action” within Taoism is also a form of kindness to nature and to other human beings. [7]

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