

World religions
Standard level
Paper 2

Friday 6 November 2015 (morning)

1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer one question.
- Section B: answer one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [20 marks].

Hinduism

1. Discuss the different types of sacred texts found in Hinduism.
2. Discuss the importance of pilgrimage and festivals in Hinduism.

Buddhism

3. Examine the importance of karuna (compassion) in the moral conduct of Buddhists.
4. To what extent do Mahayana sacred texts differ from Theravada Buddhist texts?

Sikhism

5. Examine the importance and the observance of festivals in Sikhism.
6. “Although Sikhism teaches equality, it is not always practised.” Discuss.

Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism, investigate the ethical teaching concerning non-violence.

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [20 marks].

Judaism

8. “Judaism does not welcome converts.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
9. Discuss Jewish teaching and practice in relation to divorce.

Christianity

10. To what extent would you agree that blasphemy laws are needed to protect Christianity and the Christian Church?
11. “The hierarchy of many Churches is a weakness not a strength.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Islam

12. Analyse the two parts of the shahadah.
13. Examine the concepts of Yawm al-din (Day of Judgment), paradise and hell in the Qur’an.

Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam, examine attitudes to the interpretation of sacred texts.
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