

World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

Friday 13 May 2016 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

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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. “The soul never takes birth and never dies at any time nor does it come into being again when the body is created. [...]

As a person gives up old and worn out garments and accepts new apparel, similarly the embodied soul giving up old and worn out bodies verily accepts new bodies.”

Bhagavad Gita 2:20, 22

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

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(b) Explain Hindu teachings about samsara.

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 2. “Not to do any evil;
To undertake what is good;
To purify your own mind
This is the teaching of the Buddhas.”

Dhammapada 183

- (a) Comment on the meaning of “To purify your own mind”. [3]

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- (b) Explain how the Noble Eightfold Path links with this passage. [7]

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

3. "By His Command, souls come into being; by His Command, glory and greatness are obtained. By His Command, some are high and some are low; by His Written Command, pain and pleasure are obtained. Some, by His Command, are blessed and forgiven; others, by His Command, wander aimlessly forever. Everyone is subject to His Command; no one is beyond His Command."

Guru Granth Sahib 1

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

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- (b) Explain Sikh teaching about the human condition. [7]

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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. “And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard shall dwell with the kid;
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together,
And a little child shall lead them.”

Isaiah 11:6

- (a) Outline **three** teachings in this passage.

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(b) Explain what is believed in Judaism about the Mashiach (Messiah).

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

5. “And to [Adam] He said,
‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you.”

Genesis 3:17 (adapted)

- (a) Describe what happened in the Garden of Eden for God to say these things to Adam. [3]

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- (b) Explain the Christian doctrine of the Fall that comes from this passage. [7]

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 6. "Allah is the Greatest, I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, I bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's messenger, Rush to prayer, Rush to success, Allah is the Greatest, There is no god but Allah."

Adhan

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

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- (b) Explain Muslim teachings about submission to the will of Allah. [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. “Tao is beyond all words.
It can only be apprehended in silence.”

Chuang Chou, *Chuang-tzu*

- (a) Outline **three** aspects of the Tao.

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- (b) Investigate why the Tao is linked with silence in this passage.

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. “Attachment and hatred are the seeds of karma. The wise say that karma is caused by delusion. Karma is the root of birth and death. The wise say that the cycle of birth and death is the cause of unhappiness.”

Uttarādhyayana Sutra 32:7

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

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- (b) Explain how Jains try to achieve release from samsara. [7]

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Baha'i Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

9. "The powers required in this world were conferred upon humans in the spiritual world [...]

Therefore, in this world they must prepare themselves for the life beyond. That which they need in the world of the Kingdom must be obtained here."

Abdu'l-Baha, *Promulgation of Universal Peace* (1912) (adapted)

(a) Outline **three** teachings from this passage.

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(b) Explain Baha'i teachings about salvation.

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