

**World religions**  
**Standard level**  
**Paper 2**

Monday 16 May 2016 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

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**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. Examine in detail the importance of the four ashramas.
2. Examine Hindu teaching on euthanasia.

### Buddhism

3. Discuss the content and importance of the sacred texts of Theravada Buddhism.
4. To what extent are women discriminated against in Buddhism?

### Sikhism

5. Assess Sikh eschatology.
6. “The Guru Granth Sahib is the only source of authority for Sikhs.” Discuss.

### Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism, examine the role of ritual using **at least two** examples.

## Section B

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

### Judaism

8. Discuss the importance of the Beth Din (rabbinic court) to Jewish religious life.
9. “Judaism is a religion of the home rather than the synagogue.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

### Christianity

10. To what extent would you agree that biblical criticism can damage a Christian’s faith?
11. “Infant baptism is meaningless; people should get baptized when they become adults.” Discuss.

### Islam

12. To what extent might Muslim teachings about divorce be seen as unfair to women?
13. Examine the importance of hajj in the life of a Muslim.

### Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam, discuss the importance of group religious experience.
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