

World religions
Standard level
Paper 2

Monday 15 May 2017 (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 **[30 marks]**.

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [15 marks].

Hinduism

1. Discuss how female deities in religious scripture and festivals may offer role models for Hindu women.
2. Discuss how the concept of samsara (cycle of life, death and rebirth) is central to Hindu beliefs.

Buddhism

3. To what extent are the Four Noble Truths the most important statement of Buddhist belief?
4. To what extent is veneration of the Buddha the most important part of Buddhist ritual?

Sikhism

5. Compare and contrast the importance of the different Sikh sacred texts.
6. To what extent is Sikhism a religion based on equality?

Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism, discuss how the principal sacred texts were composed **and** how they are used today.

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [15 marks].

Judaism

8. “The Torah is the only source of authority for Jews.” Discuss.
9. Examine Jewish teachings about the nature of God.

Christianity

10. Discuss the ways in which the Old Testament and New Testament Canons were compiled.
11. Discuss the importance of the sacraments in different denominations.

Islam

12. Discuss how rituals are an expression of the umma (worldwide community of Muslims).
13. “The Qur’an is only the Qur’an if it is written in Arabic.” Discuss.

Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam, discuss beliefs about eschatology.
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