

World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

Friday 27 April 2018 (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.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- Each question is worth **[9 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.



Answer a total of **five** questions, selecting **at least one** from **each** section. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Section A

Answer **at least one** question. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Hinduism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

1. “Thus we may say that we are what we desire. Our will springs from our desires; our actions spring from our will and what we are, springs from our actions. We may conclude, therefore, that the state of our desires at the time of death determines our next life; we return to earth in order to satisfy those desires.”

The Upanishads, translated by Max Müller
Part II Sacred Books of the East, Volume 15
1884

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

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- (b) Explain why Hindus believe that acting according to dharma/dhamma can achieve moksha (liberation).

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 2. “Those who are freed from desires are well established in the teaching of Gotama [the Buddha] with firm mind. They have attained to that which should be attained, having plunged into immortal Nibbana.”

The Sutta-Nipāta
Translated by H Saddhatissa
Curzon Press, 1985

- (a) Outline **three** teachings in this passage about “immortal Nibbana”. [3]

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- (b) Explain other goals that a Buddhist might aim for (other than nibbana/nirvana). [6]

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

3. “With my hands I do His work; with my tongue I sing His Glorious Praises.
With my feet, I walk on the Path of my Lord and Master.
It is a good time, when I remember Him in meditation.
Meditating on the Nam, the Name of the Lord, I cross over the terrifying world-ocean.”

Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, English Translation by Dr. Sant Singh Khalsa, MD

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

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- (b) Explain the importance of practising nam japna (continual meditation on God’s name). [6]

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Section B

Answer **at least one** question. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Judaism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

4. "Torah, prayer and the contemplation of death will help you in your struggle against the Evil Inclination."

The noé Talmud translation by rabbi adin Steinsaltz

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

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(b) Explain Jewish teaching about the human condition.

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 5. “Thus it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. [...] Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.”

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

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- (b) Explain Christian teaching about salvation through Jesus Christ. [6]

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 6. "Men who celebrate the praises of Allah, standing, sitting, and lying down on their sides, and contemplate the (wonders of) creation in the heavens and the earth, (With the thought): 'Our Lord! not for naught Hast Thou created (all) this! Glory to Thee!'"

The Meaning of the Holy Qur'an translated by Ali, Abdullah Yusuf, 2004, The Islamic Foundation

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

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- (b) Explain the ways in which a Muslim could demonstrate submission to Allah. [6]

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Section C

Answer **at least one** question. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Taoism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

7. “Although the road is broad and straight,
but some people prefer rugged sidepaths”

Lao-Tzu, *Tao Te Ching* 53

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

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(b) Explain what Taoism says about the human condition.

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 8. "The jiva or the soul is sometimes born in the world of gods, sometimes in hell. Sometimes it acquires the body of a demon; all this happens on account of its karma. This jiva sometimes takes birth as a worm, as an insect or as an ant."

Uttarādhyayana-sūtra 3.3–4
Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd

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

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- (b) Explain Jain teaching about karma and rebirth. [6]

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Bahá'í Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

9. "The whole duty of man in this Day is to attain that share of the flood of grace which God poureth forth for him. Let none, therefore, consider the largeness or smallness of the receptacle. The portion of some might lie in the palm of a man's hand, the portion of others might fill a cup, and of others even a gallon-measure."

Baha'u'llah – the Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

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

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- (b) Explain Bahá'í teachings about the concepts of paradise and hell. [6]

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