

World religions
Standard level
Paper 2

Monday 30 April 2018 (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 the significance of murtis (images of deities) in Hinduism.
2. Examine whether abortion is ever acceptable in Hinduism.

Buddhism

3. Discuss the importance for Buddhists of practising non-attachment in daily life.
4. To what extent can Wesak (Vaisakhi; full moon in May, celebrating the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death) be considered the most important festival in the Buddhist year?

Sikhism

5. To what extent are the kurahit in the Rahit Maryada essential to the life of a Khalsa Sikh?
6. "Sikhism only has ten gurus." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism, examine the teachings about death and rebirth. Your answer should include an examination of what causes a good rebirth.

Section B

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

Judaism

8. “B’rit milah (the covenant of circumcision) has little religious meaning in Judaism.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
9. Discuss Jewish beliefs on eschatology.

Christianity

10. “Ethical banking and business practices should be central to the teaching of all Christian denominations.” Discuss.
11. Examine the importance of women mystics in Christianity.

Islam

12. Explain how the structure of the Qur’an relates to the process of its revelation.
13. Examine the development of the Muslim law schools.

Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam, discuss issues of interpretation relating to sacred texts.
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