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World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

Thursday 28 April 2022 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

45 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 three questions selecting one question from:
Section A
and
Section B
and
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 **[27 marks]**.



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

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Hinduism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

1. "The profound mystery in the Vedanta was taught in the previous cycle. It should not be given to one whose passions have not been subdued, or to one who is not a son or a disciple."

Svetasvatara Upanishad 6.22

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

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- (b) Explain the importance of following Bhakti (path of devotion) for some Hindus. [6]

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. “[...] the Tathagata (The Buddha) has realized the Middle Way; it gives vision, gives knowledge, and leads to calm, to insight, to enlightenment and to Nibbana.”

Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta 56.11

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

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- (b) Explain the teachings of the Noble Eightfold Path. [6]

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

3. “In ego they are born, and in ego they die.
[...]
In ego they laugh, and in ego they weep.
[...]
In ego they are ignorant, and in ego they are wise.
They do not know the value of salvation and liberation.
In ego they love Maya, and in ego they are kept in darkness by it.”

Guru Granth Sahib 466

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

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- (b) Explain the importance of leaving behind ego-centredness in Sikh teachings. [6]

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

5. “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1: 8-9

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

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- (b) Explain Christian beliefs about original sin. [6]

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

6. “But for the righteous there is triumph [in paradise]. Gardens and vineyards. And splendid spouses, well matched. And delicious drinks. They will hear therein neither gossip, nor lies. A reward from your Lord, a fitting gift.”

Qur’an 78:31–35

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

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- (b) Explain Muslim beliefs about disobedience to Allah’s will. [6]

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Section C

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Taoism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

7. “Whoever is planted in the Tao
will not be rooted up.
Whoever embraces the Tao
will not slip away.
Those who do things well will be honoured
from generation to generation.”

Tao Te Ching 54 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain the importance of the Way to Taoists. [6]

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. “Absolute knowledge is attained by destroying misleading karmas, knowledge obscuring karmas, perception obscuring karmas and obstructing karmas.”

Umasvati’s Tattvartha Sutra 10

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

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- (b) Explain why karma is important to Jain beliefs about moksha (liberation). [6]

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Bahá'í Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

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

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

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