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RELIGIOUS, MORAL
AND PHILOSOPHICAL
STUDIES
HIGHER
Paper 2

You should answer **either**

Section 1: Buddhism

or

Section 2: Christianity

or

Section 3: Hinduism

or

Section 4: Islam

or

Section 5: Judaism

or

Section 6: Sikhism

The skills of knowledge and understanding (KU) and analysis and evaluation (AE) are being assessed in this paper. When answering each question you should note the number of marks allocated to each skill as indicated after each part of the question.



Section 1 – Buddhism

Marks Code

Reminder: You should choose this section if you have studied **Buddhism** in the World Religion Unit. Answer **BOTH** questions (1 and 2) in this section of the paper.

Question 1

Instructions: Read the following source then answer **all** parts of Question 1 (a)–(f). The number of marks available for each part is indicated. Use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

Source

Look upon the man who tells thee thy faults as if he told thee of a hidden treasure, the wise man who shows thee the dangers of life. Follow that man: he who follows him will see good and not evil.

Let him admonish and let him instruct, and let him restrain what is wrong. He will be loved by those who are good and hated by those who are not.

Have not for friends those whose soul is ugly; go not with men who have an evil soul. Have for friends those whose soul is beautiful; go with men whose soul is good.

He who drinks of the waters of Truth, he rests in joy with mind serene. The wise find their delight in the DHAMMA, in the Truth revealed by the great.

Dhammapada 76–79

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| (a) Describe the role of the Buddha in revealing the dhamma. | 4 | KU |
| (b) Describe what Buddhists understand by kamma. | 5 | KU |
| (c) What would Buddhists consider to be “ <i>the dangers of life</i> ”? | 3 | KU |
| (d) Why would knowing about your faults be considered “ <i>a hidden treasure</i> ”? | 2 | AE |
| (e) The dhamma is not the source of enlightenment; it only indicates the way. Explain why Buddhists would believe this to be the case. | 3 | AE |
| (f) Discuss the view that the Sangha is central to Buddhism. | 8 | 2KU 6AE |

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Question 2

Marks Code

Instructions: Read the **statement** below then answer the **question** that follows.

Statement:

“The arhat is the true ideal of Buddhism.”

Would all Buddhists agree?

**15 5KU
10AE**

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Section 2 – Christianity

Marks Code

Reminder: You should choose this section if you have studied **Christianity** in the World Religion Unit. Answer **BOTH** questions (1 and 2) in this section of the paper.

Question 1

Instructions: Read the following source then answer **all** parts of Question 1 (a)–(f). The number of marks available for each part is indicated. Use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

Source

For it is clear that it is not the angels that he helps. Instead, as the scripture says, “He helps the descendants of Abraham.” This means that he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order to be their faithful and merciful High Priest in his service to God, so that the people’s sins would be forgiven. And now he can help those who are tempted, because he himself was tempted and suffered.

Hebrews 2:16–18

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| (a) Explain what is meant by ‘ <i>the descendants of Abraham</i> ’. | 2 | KU |
| (b) “. . . <i>he had to become like his brothers</i> . . .” Why is it important for Christians to believe in the humanity of Jesus? | 5 | 2KU 3AE |
| (c) What reasons do Christians give for following the example of Jesus? | 4 | KU |
| (d) According to Christians, what are the main causes of suffering? | 4 | KU |
| (e) How might prayer and meditation help Christians achieve their goals in this life? | 6 | 2KU 4AE |
| (f) Why might the existence of suffering be a problem for Christians? | 4 | AE |
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Question 2

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| (a) Describe the suffering and death of Jesus. | 5 | KU |
| (b) Assess the importance of the suffering and death of Jesus as a means of salvation. | 10 | AE |
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Section 3 – Hinduism

Marks Code

Reminder: You should choose this section if you have studied **Hinduism** in the World Religion Unit. Answer **BOTH** questions (1 and 2) in this section of the paper.

Question 1

Instructions: Read the following source then answer **all** parts of Question 1 (a)–(f). The number of marks available for each part is indicated. Use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

Source

Greater is thine own work, even if this be humble, than the work of another, even if this be great. When a man does the work God gives him, no sin can touch this man. And a man should not abandon his work, even if he cannot achieve it in full perfection; because in all work there may be imperfection even as in all fire there is smoke.

Bhagavad Gita 18

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| (a) What is the importance of sruti scripture in Hinduism? | 2 | KU |
| (b) State the dharma for each ashrama. | 4 | KU |
| (c) Describe the importance of dharma in Hinduism. | 4 | KU |
| (d) What is the relationship between karma and varna? | 5 | KU |
| (e) Explain why the caste system might be criticised. | 4 | AE |
| (f) Explain how the caste system might be defended. | 6 | AE |

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Question 2

How accurate are Hindu descriptions of the human condition?

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Section 4 – Islam

Marks Code

Reminder: You should choose this section if you have studied **Islam** in the World Religion Unit. Answer **BOTH** questions (1 and 2) in this section of the paper.

Question 1

Instructions: Read the following source then answer **all** parts of Question 1 (a)–(e). The number of marks available for each part is indicated. Use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

Source

God! There is no god but He,—the Living the Self-Subsisting, Eternal. It is He who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind, and He sent down the Criterion (of judgment between right and wrong). Then those who reject Faith in the Signs of God will suffer the severest penalty, and God is Exalted in Might, Lord of Retribution. From God, verily nothing is hidden on earth or in the heavens.

“Our Lord!” (they say), “Let not our hearts deviate now after Thou hast guided us, but grant us mercy from Thine own Presence; for Thou art the Grantor of bounties without measure.

Surah 3 vv 2–5; 8

(a) “. . . who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book . . .”

Describe the ways Muslims show that “the Book” is important to them.

3 KU

(b) Discuss the significance of Revelation for Muslims.

6 2KU
4AE

(c) “From God, verily nothing is hidden on earth or in the heavens.”

In what ways do Muslims respond to this passage?

3 KU

(d) “Then those who reject Faith in the Signs of God will suffer the severest penalty . . .”

Describe Muslim beliefs about suffering.

5 KU

(e) Explain how Muslims understand the day of Judgement.

8 3KU
5AE

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Question 2

Marks Code

Instructions: Read the **statement** below then answer the **question** that follows.

Statement:

“It is within the practice of salah that Islam finds its true identity.”

Discuss this statement.

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11AE**

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Section 5 – Judaism

Marks Code

Reminder: You should choose this section if you have studied **Judaism** in the World Religion Unit. Answer **BOTH** questions (1 and 2) in this section of the paper.

Question 1

Instructions: Read the following source then answer **all** parts of Question 1 (a)–(f). The number of marks available for each part is indicated. Use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

Source

Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not murder. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s.

And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the voice of the horn, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled, and stood afar off.

Exodus 20: 11–14

- (a) What is the importance of Moses in Jewish tradition? **3 KU**
- (b) “*And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings . . .*”
Give examples of ways in which Jewish people believe God has interacted with humanity. **4 KU**
- (c) What happens at a Bar Mitzvah ceremony? **3 KU**
- (d) Explain how the Ten Commandments can be seen as a summary of the mitzvot of the Torah. **5 2KU 3AE**
- (e) “*Honour thy father and thy mother . . .*”
Assess the importance of the family in Judaism. **4 2KU 2AE**
- (f) Discuss the view that evil and suffering occur as a result of disobedience to God’s will. **6 2KU 4AE**

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Question 2

Marks Code

Instructions: Read the **statement** below then answer the **question** that follows.

Statement:

“The world depends on three things—on Torah study, on service to God and on kind deeds.”

Is this an accurate summary of Judaism?

**15 5KU
10AE**

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Section 6 – Sikhism

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Reminder: You should choose this section if you have studied **Sikhism** in the World Religion Unit. Answer **BOTH** questions (1 and 2) in this section of the paper.

Question 1

Instructions: Read the following source then answer **all** parts of Question 1 (a)–(e). The number of marks available for each part is indicated. Use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

Source

By His Command, bodies are created; His command cannot be described.

By His Command, souls come into being; By His command glory and greatness are obtained.

By His Command, some are high and some are low; by His Written Command, pain and pleasure are obtained. Some by His Command are blessed and forgiven; others by His Command wander aimlessly for ever.

Everyone is subject to His Command. O Nanak, one who understands His Command does not speak in ego.

Guru Granth Sahib, 1

- (a) Describe Sikh belief about God. 3 KU
- (b) Describe how the Guru Granth Sahib is used in worship. 3 KU
- (c) How do Sikhs show compassion and selflessness? 3 KU
- (d) “. . . others by His Command wander aimlessly for ever.”
How does this explain the Sikh understanding of the human condition? 6 2KU
4AE
- (e) Explain how the Five Evils create a barrier to reunion. 10 5KU
5AE
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Question 2

- Discuss the spiritual and physical importance of the 5 Ks for a Sikh. 15 5KU
10AE
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