



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS09

Unit J World Religions 1: Buddhism OR Hinduism OR Sikhism

Thursday 14 May 2015 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RSS09.
- Choose **one** section only.
Section A Buddhism page 2 or
Section B Hinduism page 4 or
Section C Sikhism page 6.
- Answer **two** questions in the section you have chosen.
Each question has **two** parts.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding. The second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A BUDDHISMAnswer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Samsara and the three marks of existence

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 Outline the meaning of anatta **and** examine the implications of the concept of anatta for the Buddhist attitude to life.

[30 marks]

and

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 'The concept of anatta is not relevant for most Buddhists.'
Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 2 The Four Noble Truths

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 Outline the teachings of each of the Four Noble Truths **and** examine the relationship between them.

[30 marks]

and

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 'A belief in the Four Noble Truths has little effect on the Buddhist way of life.'
How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

Question 3 The Eightfold Path

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 Examine the nature and importance of meditation in the Eightfold Path.

[30 marks]

and

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 'The practice of meditation can solve many problems in today's world.'
Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 4 The Sangha

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Examine the ways in which the Sangha is a refuge for the lay and monastic communities.

[30 marks]

and

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'The Sangha as a refuge is more important for the monastic community than for the lay community.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Turn over ▶

Section B HINDUISMAnswer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 5 The Hindu concept of God

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Examine the nature and role of goddesses in Hinduism with particular reference to Lakshmi and Durga.

[30 marks]**and**

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'Goddesses are the most significant form of God in Hinduism.'

How far do you agree?

[15 marks]**Question 6 Means to liberation in Hinduism**

1	1
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Examine the similarities and differences between jnana yoga and bhakti yoga as paths to liberation.

[30 marks]**and**

1	2
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'Jnana yoga is not relevant to Hindus in the 21st century.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**Question 7 Worship in Hinduism**

1	3
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Examine the various forms of worship which are common to **both** the temple and the home.**[30 marks]****and**

1	4
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'For Hindus, worship is an essential part of daily life.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 8 The Hindu way of life

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 Outline the nature of ashrams **and** examine their role in the Hindu way of life. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'Ashrams express the highest ideals of the Hindu way of life.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

Turn over for Section C

Turn over ▶

Section C SIKHISMAnswer **two** questions.Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 9 The Gurus

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Explain how Guru Gobind Singh formed the Khalsa in 1699 **and** examine the reasons why it was formed.**[30 marks]****and**

1	8
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'Without the courage and leadership of Guru Gobind Singh, the Khalsa would never have been formed.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**Question 10 Festivals**

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Examine the social and religious significance of the festival celebrating Guru Nanak's birthday.

[30 marks]**and**

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'The festival celebrating Guru Nanak's birthday makes no contribution to Sikh life and faith today.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**Question 11 The Guru Granth Sahib and the Gurdwara**

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Examine the role of the gurdwara in Sikh life and faith.

[30 marks]**and**

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'The gurdwara today is mainly a social institution rather than a religious one.'

How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

Question 12 Diwan and langar

2	3
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 Examine the practice of langar in **both** its historical and present-day context. **[30 marks]**

and

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 'Langar has lost its importance in Sikhism.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS

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