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World religions
Standard level
Paper 2

16 May 2024

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** 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. Compare how the supreme being in Hinduism can be understood as either personal or non-personal.
2. Discuss the importance for Hindus of obtaining the Three Objectives and satisfying the Three Debts.

Buddhism

3. Discuss different ways in which Buddhists venerate the Buddha.
4. “Ahimsa (non-violence) is the most important of the Five Precepts.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Sikhism

5. Examine the use of Gurmukhi in Sikhism.
6. Discuss attitudes to conversion in Sikhism.

Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion—Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism—justify the importance of **two** religious festivals.

Section B

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

Judaism

8. Examine the importance of Kabbalah (mysticism) in Judaism.
9. “Pesach (Passover) is the most important festival for Jews.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Christianity

10. Examine the authority of the Bible in different Christian denominations.
11. “Church and state should always be separate.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Islam

12. Examine the importance of tafsir (the science of interpretation or exegesis of the Qur'an) for Muslims.
13. “The most important role of Allah is creator.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion—Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam—discuss attitudes to abortion.
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