



**World religions
Standard level
Paper 1**

Thursday 5 November 2015 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

1 hour 15 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 five questions selecting at least one question from:
 - Section A
 - and
 - Section B
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 - Section C.
- Write your answers in the boxes provided.
- Each question is worth **[10 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[50 marks]**.



Answer a total of **five** questions, selecting **at least one** from **each** section. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Section A

Answer **at least one** question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Hinduism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

1. "Happiness comes due to good actions, suffering results from evil actions, by actions, all things are obtained, by inaction, nothing whatsoever is enjoyed. [...] If one's action bore no fruit, then everything would be of no avail, if the world worked from fate alone, it would be neutralized."

Mahabharata xiii.6.10, 19

- (a) Describe **three** key points found in this passage. [3]

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 2. “If you enter upon this path [Noble Eightfold Path]
You’ll make an end to suffering –
It is the path I taught you
Once I’d understood the destruction of craving.”

Dhammapada 275 (adapted)

- (a) Explain what the Buddha is teaching his followers in this passage. [3]

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- (b) Analyse how the Noble Eightfold Path can lead a person to make “an end to suffering”. [7]

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 3. "Man comes into this world destined to death. The invaluable human existence is lost in duality. He does not understand himself and weeps through doubt. The saint tells, reads, and hears of the One. The support of the earth blesses him with fortitude, righteousness and protection."

Guru Granth Sahib 686

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

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- (b) Distinguish between how a life which is manmukh and one which is gurmukh affects what happens after death. [7]

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 5. “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him’.”

John 14:6–7

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

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- (b) Explain how Christians believe they can reach God. [7]

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