



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
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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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(b) Analyse the Hindu concept of varnashramdharma.

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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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Section B

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

Judaism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

4. “Do not separate yourself from the community.”

“And let all who labour with the community labour with them for the sake of Heaven.”

Mishnah, Pirkei Avot 2:5, 2:2 (adapted)

(a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage.

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(b) Analyse Jewish beliefs on Olam Ha-Ba (the world to come).

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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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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 6. "Praise belongs to God, Lord of the Worlds, the Lord of Mercy, the Giver of Mercy, Master of the Day of Judgement. It is You we worship; it is You we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path."

Qur'an 1: 2-6

- (a) Identify **three** reasons why Muslims are invited to praise God in their prayers. [3]

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- (b) Explain how Muslims may follow the teachings of this passage in their lives. [7]

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Section C

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

Taoism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

7. “Their hearts [the hearts of those who seek immortality] must be kind to all things. They must treat others as they treat themselves, and extend their humaneness even to insects. [...] Their hands must never injure life, and their mouths must never encourage evil.”

Ge Hong, *Pao-p'u-tzu* (adapted)

- (a) Identify **three** principles that are important to Taoists. [3]

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- (b) Comment on how “non-action” within Taoism is also a form of kindness to nature and to other human beings. [7]

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. “There is a safe place in view of all, but difficult of approach, where there is no old age nor death, no pain nor disease. It is [...] freedom from pain, or perfection, which is in view of all; it is the safe, happy, and quiet place which the great sages reach. That is the eternal place, in view of all, but difficult of approach. Those sages who reach it are free from sorrows, they have put an end to the stream of existence.”

Uttaradhyayana Sutra 81–4 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain how Jains believe they can achieve moksha.

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Baha'i Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 9. "Know thou that the soul of man is exalted above, and is independent of all infirmities of body or mind. That a sick person showeth signs of weakness is due to the hindrances that interpose themselves between his soul and his body, [...] every malady afflicting the body of man is an impediment that preventeth the soul from manifesting its inherent might and power."

Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh 153–55 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain Baha'i beliefs about the human condition. [7]

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