

# ResultsPlus

## Examiners' Report June 2010

### GCSE Religious Studies 5RS07

Edexcel is one of the leading examining and awarding bodies in the UK and throughout the world. We provide a wide range of qualifications including academic, vocational, occupational and specific programmes for employers.

Through a network of UK and overseas offices, Edexcel's centres receive the support they need to help them deliver their education and training programmes to learners.

For further information, please call our GCE line on 0844 576 0025, our GCSE team on 0844 576 0027, or visit our website at [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com). If you have any subject specific questions about the content of this Examiners' Report that require the help of a subject specialist, you may find our **Ask The Expert** email service helpful.

Ask The Expert can be accessed online at the following link:

<http://www.edexcel.com/Aboutus/contact-us/>

## ResultsPlus

ResultsPlus is Edexcel's free online tool that offers teachers unrivalled insight into exam performance.

You can use this valuable service to see how your students performed according to a range of criteria - at cohort, class or individual student level.

- Question-by-question exam analysis
- Skills maps linking exam performance back to areas of the specification
- Downloadable exam papers, mark schemes and examiner reports
- Comparisons to national performance

For more information on ResultsPlus, or to log in, visit [www.edexcel.com/resultsplus](http://www.edexcel.com/resultsplus).

To set up your ResultsPlus account, call 0844 576 0024

June 2010

Publications Code UG024594

All the material in this publication is copyright

© Edexcel Ltd 2010

## Sikhism

There were only a few entries for this new unit. One area for improvement is in response to the part (b) questions which required the development of two reasons. Candidates providing three reasons could only be credited for two of them, unless one was clearly a development of another reason. Candidates should aim to explain two reasons for their point of view as clearly as possible, perhaps by putting each reason in separate paragraphs.

### Section 1

This section was attempted successfully in general. However, question 1(c) created difficulties for some candidates who wrote about religious upbringing without explaining how that feature would lead to a belief in God. It is important to address every aspect of the question.

### Section 2

There were some thoughtful responses to 3(d) and 4(d). However, some candidates were unable to put forward three reasons why someone might disagree with them. Only one of the six responses to a (d) style question needs to be a reference to Sikhism.

### Section 3

This section involves a study of attitudes in a religious community together with the study of beliefs based on scripture or other sources. Some candidates found it hard to identify the range of attitudes to be found within the Sikh religion towards homosexuality, contraception, sex outside of marriage and divorce.

### Section 4

The section was answered satisfactorily but there are two areas that could be improved. The first is the study of community cohesion and the second is the tendency to confuse race and faith.

### Summary

The answers were pleasing overall and the quality of some responses provided ample evidence of good teaching.

## Grade boundaries

Grade	Max. Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Raw boundary mark	80	64	55	46	38	31	24	18	12
Uniform boundary mark	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20



Further copies of this publication are available from  
Edexcel Publications, Adamsway, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 4FN

Telephone 01623 467467  
Fax 01623 450481

Email [publications@linneydirect.com](mailto:publications@linneydirect.com)

Order Code UG024594 Summer 2010

For more information on Edexcel qualifications, please visit [www.edexcel.com/quals](http://www.edexcel.com/quals)

Edexcel Limited. Registered in England and Wales no. 4496750  
Registered Office: One90 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH