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# Religious Studies

## Unit 7: Religion and life based on a study of Sikhism

Monday 15 May 2017 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS07/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious experiences prove God exists?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how the causation argument may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should agree with the scientific explanation of the origins of the world."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2 (a) What does **omniscient** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think evil and suffering prove that God does not exist?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how the design argument may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Everyone should have a religious upbringing."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**

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**SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH**

**You must answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) What does **mukti** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think the media should be free to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Sikhs do not agree with abortion. (8)
- (d) "Believing in life after death should not affect how a Sikh lives."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.  
(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)  
(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** (a) What is meant by **sanctity of life**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Sikhs should agree with euthanasia?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Sikhs agree with abortion. (8)
- (d) "Ghosts and mediums show that non-religious people should believe in life after death."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.  
(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)  
(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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### SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

#### EITHER

- 5 (a) What is **adultery**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Sikhs should accept the use of contraception?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why family life is important for Sikhs. (8)
- (d) "Sikhs should not agree with sex before marriage."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

#### OR

- 6 (a) What is meant by **procreation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Sikhs should accept divorce?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Sikhs may not accept homosexuality. (8)
- (d) "Raising a family is the most important thing a Sikh can do."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is meant by **discrimination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Sikhs should allow men and women to have equal rights in religion?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how the government has worked to promote community cohesion in the UK. (8)
- (d) "It is difficult for families to follow their religion in a multi-faith society."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by a **multi-faith society**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious beliefs about issues in this section, 'Religion and community cohesion', are treated fairly by the media?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how religions work to promote community cohesion in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Promoting racial harmony is the most important thing a Sikh can do."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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