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Sikhism

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.
- Mark schemes will indicate within the table where, and which strands of QWC, are being assessed. The strands are as follows:

i) ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear

ii) select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and to complex subject matter

iii) organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate.

Unit 14: Sikhism

1 (a) AO1	What does gurbani mean?			
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
1 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the divine word (revealed by the Gurus) • message of the Guru(s) <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a message • teachings <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word (eg service)</p> <p>(0)</p>	2

1 (b) AO2	Do you think God is eternal? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that God is eternal is likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Mool Mantar speaks of God as eternal • Sikhs believe that God is perfect • most religions believe that God is eternal <p>Answers which do not think that God is eternal are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is no evidence for God • God can take human form and then become subject to time • the Universe is God so God is part of time <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg Sikhs believe that God is perfect) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg Sikhs believe that God is perfect and a perfect being does not die) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

1 (c)	Explain why karma is important for Sikhs.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
1 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it explains why good and bad things happen to people in this lifetime • it encourages people to do good things to ensure a better afterlife • it encourages people to do good things to ensure a better rebirth • good karma brings people closer to God <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

1 (d) AO2	"A spiritual person does not have to fight for social justice." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being spiritual is about remembering God • it is easier to be spiritual if you minimise contact with the material world • you can want justice without any spiritual motivation <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sikhs believe matter and Spirit are linked • the Gurus were all involved in working for social justice • fighting for social justice accords with the meeri-peeri doctrine <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

2 (a) AO1	What is meant by Sat-Nam ?			
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
2 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the True Name (God) God <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable. (2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy word in a chant <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable. (1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p>(0)</p>	2

2 (b) AO2	Do you think service to others is the most important teaching of Sikhism? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
2 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that service to others is the most important teaching of Sikhism are likely to use such evidence as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is impossible to be a Sikh and refuse to serve others • all the Gurus taught about service to others • service to other people is a mark of a godly person <p>Answers which do not think that service to others is the most important teaching of Sikhism likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other teachings are more important • all teachings are equally important • not everyone is able to serve others <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg other teachings are more important) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg other teachings are more important, for example, God-centred prayer and meditation) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

2 (c) AO1	Explain why Sikhs believe men and women should have equal status	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
2 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all the Gurus preached against the inequality of men and women • the Khalsa was formed to raise the status of women • the Guru Granth Sahib teaches women and men are equal • the inequality of men and women leads to injustice <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

2 (d) AO2	"God is the only teacher a Sikh needs." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
2 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is the source of all teaching • God teaches people directly • the Guru Granth Sahib gives the example of people who were holy based only on the teaching of God <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people need other sources of information • the Gurus were sent as messengers from God to teach people • Sikhs are taught to obey the teachings of the Guru Granth and Guru Panth <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

3 (a) AO1	What does Singh mean?			
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
3 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lion, the name taken by initiated Sikh men • Lion • the name taken by initiated Sikh men <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a surname <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(0)</p>	2

3 (b) AO2	Do you think the granthi is the most important person in the gurdwara? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that the granthi is the most important person in the gurdwara are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the granthi takes the lead in various services • the granthi is always present in the gurdwara • Sikhs may look for advice from the granthi <p>Answers which think that the granthi is not the most important person are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any amritdhari can perform any Sikh service • the granthi is directed by the management committee • in the gurdwara everybody is equal <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg the granthi takes the lead in various services) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg the granthi takes the lead in various services, for example, naming ceremonies) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

3 (c) AO1	Explain why Guru Nanak is important for Sikhs.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
3 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he is the founder of Sikhism • he founded the community at Kartarpur • his teachings are contained in the Guru Granth Sahib • he engaged in dialogue with people of different religions <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving a brief reason • Not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

3 (d) AO2	"The langar is the most important feature of a gurdwara." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • everyone visiting the gurdwara must go there • langar was established by Guru Nanak • langar actively serves the whole community <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Nishan Sahib is equally important • the diwan is more important • langar is just food and drink <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

4 (a) AO1				
What is the Japji ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
4 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guru Nanak's most famous hymn • first hymn in the Granth Sahib <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • part of the daily prayers • part of the morning prayer <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a hymn • a prayer <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p>(0)</p>	2

4 (b) AO2	Do you think the Khalsa is relevant for Sikhs? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that the Khalsa is relevant for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Khalsa is the Guru • the Khalsa periodically updates its code of conduct • many Sikhs are members of the Khalsa <p>Answers which do not think that the Khalsa is relevant for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the rules of the Khalsa are out of date • it is not necessary to join the Khalsa to achieve union with God • not all Sikhs are members of the Khalsa <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg the Khalsa is the Guru) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg the Khalsa is the Guru, which is why Guru Gobind Singh obeyed the five beloved ones at the Battle of Chamkaur) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

4 (c) AO1	Explain why gurdwaras are important for the Sikh community.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
4 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is where Sikhs find the Guru Granth Sahib • it is associated with rites of passage • it provides service to the community • it provides opportunities for service to others • it is where Sikhs go for advice <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

4 (d) AO2	"Guru Nanak's river experience is the most important event in Sikh history." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this is where Guru Nanak is given his mission • Nanak is appointed as Guru • this is the beginning of the religion <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guru Nanak's journeys are equally important • the founding of the Khalsa is more important • the river experience adds little to Sikh teaching <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

5 (a) AO1	What is Diwali ?			
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
5 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a festival of lights) celebrating the release of Guru Hargobind from prison • a festival of lights <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a fair • a Hindu festival <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • answers which define a different key word <p style="text-align: right;">(0)</p>	2

5 (b) AO2	Do you think the amrit ceremony is the most important ceremony for Sikhs? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
5 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that the amrit ceremony is the most important ceremony for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is the only way to become a real Sikh • it is the only ceremony where people test your commitment • it continues the tradition of the khalsa <p>Answers which do not think the amrit ceremony is the most important ceremony for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all four rites of passage are equally important • the birth and death ceremonies are more important • not all Sikhs choose to receive amrit <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason(eg. the birth and death ceremonies are more important) <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg. the birth and death ceremonies are more important since everyone goes through them) <p style="text-align: right;">2 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed <p style="text-align: right;">3 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons <p style="text-align: right;">4 marks</p>	4

5 (c) AO1	Explain why the city of Amritsar is important for Sikhs.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
5 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it contains the Akaal Takht which is the highest seat of authority for the Khalsa • it contains the Harmandir Sahib which is the inspiration for gurdwaras around the world • it is a city associated with martyrs • it was established and developed by the Gurus • it is a place of pilgrimage for some Sikhs <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

5 (d) AO2	"Kirtan is the most important practice of Sikhism." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
5 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Guru Granth Sahib teaches that kirtan is the best practice • all the teachings of the Gurus are contained in kirtan • kirtan is communication with God <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other practices are equally important • simran is more important than kirtan • kirtan is only singing <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

6 (a) A01		What is karah parshad ?		
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
6 (a) A01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food which is shared at the gurdwara • holy food • sugar, ghee, water and ground semolina <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p>(0)</p>	2

6 (b) AO2	Do you think praying in the morning and evening makes a person a good Sikh? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
6 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that praying in the morning and evening make a person a good Sikh are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is part of the code of conduct • the Gurus taught people to pray at these times • it is part of the Sikh spiritual path <p>Answers which do not think that praying in the morning and evening make a person a good Sikh are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a good Sikh has to perform other tasks • non-Sikhs may also pray in the morning and evening • you can pray in the morning and evening and still be manmukh <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg. it is part of the code of conduct) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg. it is part of the code of conduct where the daily prayers or Nitnem are set out) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	

6 (c)	Explain why Sikhs celebrate melas.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
6 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they bring the community together • they are part of the traditional Sikh way of life • some are associated with important events • they are an expression of Sikh culture, art and sport <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

6 (d) AO2	"The akhand path brings people closer to God." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
6 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the akhand path contains all the teachings of the Guru Granth Sahib • it brings good karma to hear the praises of God • Akhand paths bring people together for a religious purpose <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if you do not understand the words, you will not understand the message • it is more important to follow the teachings, rather than to just listen to them • frequently, people attend the beginning and end of the reading, so they do not hear much of it <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

7 (a) AO1	What is the Rahit Maryada ?			
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
7 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Sikh) code of conduct • Rules which govern the Sikh way of life <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rules <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(0)</p>	2

7 (b) AO2	Do you think birth rituals are important for Sikhs? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
7 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that birth rituals are important for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are part of the code of conduct • it is how Sikhs receive their names • it is a pre-requisite of joining the khalsa <p>Answers which do not think that birth rituals are important for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parents give children their name without them • you don't have to go through it to be a Sikh • the way you live is more important <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg. it is how Sikhs receive their names) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg it is how Sikhs receive their names, the first letter of the name being chosen at the ritual) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

7 (c) AO1	Explain why the panj kakke are important for Sikhs.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
7 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are part of Sikh identity • they are required for members of the Khalsa • they are a uniform • they symbolise Sikh spirituality <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

7 (d) AO2	"It is difficult to follow the Sikh way of life today." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
7 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are too many temptations • Sikhs may face prejudice and discrimination because of their turbans • there is racism against ethnic minorities <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legislation has accommodated the Sikh way of life • Sikhism has adapted to the British lifestyle • Sikh teachings are in tune with modern Britain <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

8 (a) AO1	What is a kirpan?			
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
8 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the (ritual) sword • a sword worn by members of the khalsa <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one of the five Ks <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(0)</p>	2

8 (b) AO2	Do you think the death ceremony is important for Sikhs? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
8 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think that the death ceremony is important for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is set out in the code of conduct • it is part of completing a Sikh life • rituals are part of the Sikh identity <p>Answers which do not think that the death ceremony is important for Sikhs are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it does not matter to the dead person • death ceremonies will not affect the afterlife • how you live is more important than what happens to your body <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with: one brief reason (eg. Rituals are part of the Sikh identity) 1 mark</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg. Rituals are part of the Sikh identity and create a distinct way of life) <p>2 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed <p>3 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons <p>4 marks</p>	4

8 (c) AO1	Explain why Sikhs should help to relieve suffering in the UK.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
8 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Guru Granth Sahib teaches to help those in need • serving people is a way to earn good karma • the Gurus helped those in need • it is a way of building community cohesion <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
Level	Mark	Descriptor
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Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

8 (d) AO2	"The Nishan Sahib is the most important Sikh symbol." In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
8 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • every gurdwara must have a Nishan Sahib • the Nishan Sahib symbolises important Sikh teachings • it is the flag which gives the Sikh people their identity <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the panj kakke are more important symbols • the Ik onkar is an equally important symbol • the Khanda can be worn anywhere while the Nishan Sahib is only found at a gurdwara <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Sikhism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion</p> <p>1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a simple reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two simple reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three simple reasons • a simple reason and a developed reason • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason 	6

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