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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.

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
Q1 (a)	 AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. The sangat helps a Sikh progress in the spiritual life (1) It provides support for Sikhs (1) It provides opportunities for sewa (1) It provides comfort in times of distress (1) It unites Sikhs in worship (1). Accept any other valid response. 	• Lists (maximum of one mark)	(3)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(b)	 AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing an action. Award a second mark for development of the action. Up to a maximum of four marks. An action that enables a Sikh to become gurmukh is selfless service (1) for example serving food in the langar (1) Living an honest life may make a Sikh gurmukh (1) by avoiding work that results in dishonesty (1) Giving to charity (1); this makes them gurmukh because they are sharing with the less fortunate (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Repeated action/ development Development that does not relate both to the action given and to the question. 	(4)

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
number 1(c)	 AO1 5 marks Award one mark for each teaching. Award further marks for each development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. The Mool Mantar shows that God is one (1) 'lk Onkar.' (Guru Granth Sahib 1) (1). God alone should be worshipped The Mool Mantar teaches that God's name is truth (1) 'Satnaam.' (Guru Granth Sahib 1) (1) therefore Sikhs can reach God if they reflect on truth (1) The Mool Mantar teaches that God's creative power is personified (1) 'Karta Purakh.' (Guru Granth Sahib 1) (1) which means God is present in creation including the souls of human beings (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Repeated teaching/ development Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the teaching given. 	(5)

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
1(d)	AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks	
	Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.	
	A02	
	 Arguments for the statement: The main teaching of Sikhism is equality, through the Guru Granth Sahib all Sikhs are reminded that 'All beings and creatures are His. He belongs to all.' (Guru Granth Sahib 425) Guru Nanak taught that women and men are both equal and respected. One of his teachings that reflects this is 'From woman, man is born' therefore 'without woman, there would be no one at all.' (Guru Granth Sahib 473) Mai Bhago is an excellent example of how women were treated equally. She was given the task of leading 40 Sikh soldiers to battle and was one of Guru Gobind Singh's bodyguards. This shows that women were just as capable as men in war. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Some Sikhs may disagree with this statement as culturally they are treated differently, for example, women are not allowed to read from the Guru Granth Sahib at the Harmandir Sahib In some areas women are still expected to stay at home and look after the family. Girls are expected to do most of the household chores Some Sikh females have experienced discrimination within the family and at the gurdwara. They have pressure put on them to dress modestly and not to date. 	
	Accept any other valid response.	
	Candidates who do not consider different viewpoints within the religious tradition or non-religious viewpoints (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.	(15)

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable response.
Level 1	1–3	 Information/issues are identified and make superficial connections among a limited range of elements in the question, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 2	4–6	 conclusion that is not fully justified. Superficial connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question, underpinned by a limited understanding of religion and belief. Judgements of a limited range of elements in the question are made. Judgements are supported by an attempt to appraise evidence, much of which may be superficial, leading to a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 3	7-9	 Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by an accurate understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial, leading to a partially justified conclusion.
Level 4	10-12	 Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by a sustained, accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among the full range of elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

SPaG

Marks		Descriptors
0 marks	No marks awarded	 The candidate writes nothing. The candidate's response does not relate to the question. The candidate's achievement in SPaG does not reach the threshold performance level, for example errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar severely hinder meaning.
1 mark	Threshold performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with reasonable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with some control of meaning and any errors do not significantly hinder meaning overall. Candidates use a limited range of specialist terms as appropriate.
2 marks	Intermediate performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with general control of meaning overall. Candidates use a good range of specialist terms as appropriate.
3 marks	High performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with effective control of meaning overall. Candidates use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate.

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(a)	 AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. Sikh teaching about the treatment of criminals is not to take revenge (1) To show compassion to all criminals (1) Reformation is the best way to treat criminals (1) Creating a safe society, therefore Sikhs agree with prisons, but only for reform (1) All criminals should be treated equally and given a chance (1). Accept any other valid response. 	• Lists (maximum of one mark)	(3)

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(b)	 AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing an action. Award a second mark for development of the action. Up to a maximum of four marks. Sikhs act to end crime by educating criminals (1) giving the criminals time to reflect and not to reoffend (1) Sikhs act to end crime by working with Sikh Welfare Awareness Team (SWAT) (1), they go and help the homeless and vulnerable to prevent crime (1) By encouraging equality of all (1) showing compassion and forgiveness to criminals and therefore ending crime (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Repeated action/ development Development that does not relate both to the action given and to the question. 	(4)

number		
2(c) AO1 5 marksAward one mark for each belief. Award further marks for each development of the belief up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority.	 Repeated belief/ development Development that does not relate both to the belief given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the belief given. 	(5)

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2(d)	AO2 12 marks	
	Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.	
	AO2	
	 Arguments for the statement: Sikhs believe that suffering is part of God's plan and is connected to their karma, therefore a Sikh will have to accept God's will. Therefore, suffering cannot be avoided Some Sikhs believe that suffering is part of being manmukh and part of human life. Therefore, it cannot be prevented as humans choose to do evil Non-religious people believe suffering will always exist as nature causes suffering and can be classed as evil. We cannot prevent natural disasters, so there is no solution. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Sikhs believe suffering happens. God does not cause suffering but permits it as a test of faith. A solution to this is by understanding and being satisfied with God's will Suffering is caused by Sikhs' actions by not following the five virtues and not leading a gurmukh life. If all people did follow them, it would help to prevent all suffering 'If a mind becomes a stranger to God, then all the world becomes a stranger to him' (Guru Granth Sahib 767). This teaches Sikhs that if Sikhs do not follow religious teachings, you become detached. Sikhs need to focus on God and meditate on His name if they want to find a successful solution to prevent suffering. 	
	Accept any other valid response.	
	Candidates who do not consider different viewpoints within the religious tradition or non-religious viewpoints (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.	(12)

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	0	No rewardable response.
Level 1	1–3	 Information/issues are identified and make superficial connections among a limited range of elements in the question, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief, including any relevant philosophical and/or ethical arguments. Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 2	4-6	 Superficial connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question, with a limited understanding of religion and belief, including relevant philosophical and/or ethical arguments. Judgements of a limited range of elements in the question are made. Judgements are supported by an attempt to appraise evidence, much of which may be superficial, leading to a conclusion that is not fully justified.
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Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(a)	 AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. One reason these names are important is that they are given to them at the Naam Karan ceremony (1) It highlights that the male Sikh is like a lion (1) It highlights that females are like princesses (1) It identifies a Khalsa Sikh (1) It shows that Sikhs are following the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Lists (maximum of one mark) 	(3)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(b)	 AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four marks. Gurpurbs provide an opportunity to celebrate Sikh history (1); it reminds them of the important beliefs of their faith (1) They help all Sikhs come together to worship (1) which in turn helps to strengthen their faith (1) They help Sikhs share their faith with the wider community (1) by offering food that is connected to the festival (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Repeated reason/ development Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	(4)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(c)	 AO1 5 marks Award one mark for each event. Award further marks for each development of the event up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. The langar was established by Guru Nanak (1) to eradicate the caste system (1) 'The Langar- the Kitchen of the Guru's Shabad has been opened' (Guru Granth Sahib 967) (1) Guru Nanak established Kartarpur, a place where the langar was instituted (1). This reflected his teaching about equality for all people (1) 'Whatever the Master gave, He spent; He distributed it all to be eaten.' (Guru Granth Sahib 967) (1) Guru Angad chose to continue the langar's hospitality (1). He and his wife served the best possible food with devotion (1) ' Khivi, the Guru's wife distributes the bounty of the Guru's Langar; the kheer-the rice pudding and ghee, is like sweet ambrosia.' (Guru Granth Sahib 967) (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Repeated event/ development Development that does not relate both to the event given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the event given. 	(5)
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	 Arguments for this statement: True worship is to keep God in one's mind, so Nam Japna is the most important form of worship as the Guru Granth teaches 'Worship and adore Him, and you shall be at peace forever' (Guru Granth Sahib 896) Calling to mind the name of God is vital to Sikh worship. It helps a Sikh concentrate their mind on God and avoid distractions that could be harmful to their spiritual growth Sikhs believe that meditating on God's name helps them focus on what is important in life (The True Lord), to become God-centred and help them avoid the five evils 'Worship in adoration that True Lord; everything is under His Power.' (Guru Granth Sahib 521). 	
	 Arguments against this statement: Worship for Sikhs is a way of life and it is up to the individual how they worship. Some Sikhs may believe that worship in the gurdwara and listening to the Guru Granth Sahib being read can give them focus and be just as important Selfless service in the langar is another form of worship that is encouraged. It helps Sikhs focus on others and serving God, not just in their community but in the gurdwara can give Sikhs access to God 'At the Gurdwara, the Guru's Gate, the Kirtan of the Lord's Praises are sung. Meeting with the Guru, one chants the Lord's Praises.' (Guru Grant Sahib 1075). 	
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4(c)	 AO1 5 marks Award one mark for each teaching. Award further marks for each development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. One condition of a Just War is the reason for fighting must be selfless (1), for example to help those in need and who are unable to defend themselves (1). 'No one should remain hungry or naked' (Dasam Granth 1133) (1) Wars must be fought for the right reason (1) therefore they must be morally justified (1). 'When all means for solving a conflict are exhausted, only then placing your hand to its sword is legitimate' (Zafarnama 22) (1) Only khalsa Sikhs are required to fight (1) and therefore conduct themselves according to Sikh standards (1). 'Only those who are selflessly committed to the fighting are allowed to take part' (Dharam Yudh) (1). 	 Repeated teaching/ development Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the teaching given. 	
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	 Sikhs believe the best way to work for peace is to promote justice and human rights for all, therefore they will do their utmost to avoid anything that may cause conflict and always work for a peaceful solution All Sikhs will work towards peace as to them it is not just the 		
	 All Sikhs will work towards peace as to them it is not just the absence of war but genuine respect and forgiveness for each other. 		
	 Arguments against the statement: Some Sikhs believe working for peace is the duty of the government, and individual Sikhs should focus on uniting with God 		
	 Seeking peace is not just a Sikh duty but a duty for all people. Whether you are religious or not, peace affects all and should be achieved by all 		
	• Followers of situation ethics would say that people should do the most loving thing. In some circumstances they might say that war is more important than peace because it will ultimately lead to a more loving outcome.		
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