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Religious Studies
PAPER 2: The Religious Community

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 **all** questions from **either** Religion A Buddhism, Religion B Christianity, Religion C Hinduism, Religion D Islam, Religion E Judaism or Religion F Sikhism.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

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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Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION A: Buddhism

If you answer Religion A: Buddhism, put a cross in the box .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

1 (a) Outline **two** of the roles of bhikkhus and bhikkhunis in Buddhism. (4)

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(b) Explain why the Buddha's enlightenment is important for Buddhists. (6)

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(c) "The Buddha's life as an ascetic is an example that all Buddhists should follow."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

2 (a) Outline **two** ways that Bodh Gaya is important for Buddhists.

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(b) Explain why many Buddhists celebrate Wesak.

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(c) "Festivals are an essential aspect of Buddhism."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** features of marriage rituals in Buddhism.

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(b) Explain why coming of age rituals are important for some Buddhists.

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(c) "It is essential for viharas to contain images of the Buddha."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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TOTAL FOR RELIGION A = 60 MARKS



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Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION B: Christianity

If you answer Religion B: Christianity, put a cross in the box .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

1 (a) Outline **two** features of the baptism of Jesus.

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(b) Explain the contribution to Christianity of **one** significant Christian other than Jesus.

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(c) "The main purpose of Jesus' life was to die on the cross."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

2 (a) Outline **two** reasons Christians celebrate Easter.

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(b) Explain the significance of Christmas for Christians.

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(c) "Jerusalem is the holiest city for Christians."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** features of a Christian baptism.

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(b) Explain why the celebration of the Eucharist is important for most Christians.

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(c) "All Christian churches should have the same features."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
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Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION C: Hinduism

If you answer Religion C: Hinduism, put a cross in the box .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

1 (a) Outline **two** stories about Rama found in Hindu texts. (4)

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(b) Explain the importance of the pujari in Hinduism. (6)

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(c) "The Upanishads are the most important Hindu texts."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

2 (a) Outline **two** ways sacred rivers are important to Hindus.

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(b) Explain why the celebration of Navaratri is important for many Hindus.

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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** features of the Aarti ceremony.

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(b) Explain how temples are used by Hindus today.

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(c) “Death rituals are an essential part of Hinduism.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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TOTAL FOR RELIGION C = 60 MARKS



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Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION D: Islam

If you answer Religion D: Islam, put a cross in the box .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

1 (a) Outline **two** roles of the imam in the Sunni community. (4)

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(b) Explain why the establishment of the Muslim community in Madinah by Muhammad is important. (6)

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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

2 (a) Outline **two** reasons Eid ul-Fitr is celebrated by Muslims.

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(b) Explain why Muslims visit places of pilgrimage.

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(c) "All festivals are of equal importance for Muslims."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** features of Muslim worship in the home.

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(b) Explain why death rituals are important for Muslims.

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(c) "The most important purpose of a mosque is as a place of education."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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TOTAL FOR RELIGION D = 60 MARKS



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Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION E: Judaism

If you answer Religion E: Judaism, put a cross in the box .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

1 (a) Outline **two** ways Jews use Halakhah. (4)

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(b) Explain the importance of the Beth Din for Jews. (6)

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(c) "Rabbis are essential to Judaism."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

2 (a) Outline **two** features of pilgrimage to the Western Wall.

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(b) Explain the importance of Pesach for Jews.

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(c) “In Judaism all festivals are of equal importance.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** features of the Jewish marriage service.

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(b) Explain the importance of the observance of Shabbat in the home.

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(c) “The most important purpose of a synagogue is as a community centre.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
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TOTAL FOR RELIGION E = 60 MARKS



Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

RELIGION F: Sikhism

If you answer Religion F: Sikhism, put a cross in the box .

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

- 1 (a) Outline **two** ways a significant Sikh, other than the Gurus, contributed to the development of Sikhism. (4)

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- (b) Explain the contribution of Guru Gobind Singh to Sikhism. (6)

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(c) "The Rahit Maryada is the most important guide to living the Sikh life."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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(c) "The celebration of festivals is an essential part of Sikhism."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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