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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.

Sikhism

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a teaching. Award a second mark for development of the teaching. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guru Gobind Singh taught that people should be open and willing to learn from anyone (1). He said this helped Sikhs to gain wisdom from people of other faiths (1) • He taught the importance of Sikhs working for the good of society (1), even if it involved risk to their life (1) • He taught that everyone belonged to a common humanity (1). He preached the equality of all before Waheguru (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated teaching / development. • Development that does not relate to both the teaching given and the question. 	(4)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rahit Maryada is important to some Sikhs as a source of instruction about how to live their personal day to day lives, such as the requirement to engage in an honest profession, and what kinds of work qualify • It teaches the importance of creating good communities, particularly by treating everyone as equals and respecting their beliefs. This helps Sikhs to live in harmony with those around them • Some Sikhs believe it provides an important source of guidance about how to pray, such as how to conduct their services in the gurdwara, with music and actions that are appropriate to Sikh worship. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

Mark	Descriptor
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No rewardable material.
1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited use of religious terms. Description of relevant religion, beliefs and values is mostly satisfactory. Gives a partial explanation of the significance and influence of beliefs and values.
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of religious terms is appropriate and shows understanding. Explanation of relevant religion, beliefs and values is comprehensive. Explanation of significance and influence of beliefs and values is assured and comprehensive.

Question number	Indicative content
1(c)	<p>The student must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. The student 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 described below.</p> <p>The student will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many Sikh communities appoint a granthi, who may be considered a local religious official of Sikhism. They will often lead worship, and some Sikhs look to them for spiritual leadership through their guidance and example The granthi is usually the custodian of the Sikh Holy Book, which in Sikh tradition is treated with the utmost respect, and so it can be argued that their role in caring for the Guru Granth Sahib is an essential one Like most religious buildings, the gurdwara needs an administration, and because the granthi is responsible for the management of the gurdwara, including looking after donations and accounts, their role can be considered a very important one Sikhism does not have a hierarchical structure, and Sikhs place great emphasis on their own spiritual journey towards liberation, aided by the sangat, so it can be argued that the granthi is not an essential figure in Sikhism Any learned or respected member of the Sikh community can read aloud from the holy scripture and offer their interpretation of its meaning. They can also lead prayers and ceremonies Sikhs attach great importance to their sacred texts, rather than on particular people. The Guru Granth Sahib, for example, is an ever-present source of wisdom to which they can turn for guidance. <p>Accept any other valid response. (10 marks)</p>

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1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. • Identifies information/issues and makes superficial connections between a limited range of elements within the question. • Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of religion and belief. • Deconstructs religious information/issues, and makes superficial connections between many but not all of the elements in the question. • 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.
7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates accurate understanding of religion and belief. • Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints and that make connections between many but not all of the elements in the question. • Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many but not all of elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial leading to a partially justified conclusion.
9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates sustained accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. • Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints and that make connections between 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.

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2(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a feature. Award a second mark for development of the feature. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gurpurbs celebrate the lives of the Gurus (1) and are occasions when Sikhs can remind themselves of the spiritual wisdom of their founders (1) • The Guru Granth Sahib is read continuously from beginning to end during the festivals (1) and this action reminds Sikhs of its important teachings (1) • Gurpurbs are joyful celebrations (1), which bring people together in worship and shared meals (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated feature / development. • Development that does not relate both to the feature given and to the question. 	(4)

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2(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Sikhs go to Amritsar on pilgrimage because it is the home of the Harimandir, which was built by some of the Gurus, and which is considered a sacred place of worship by Sikhs • The Harimandir is regarded as a symbol of peace and unity, and it is a special place of pilgrimage where people can worship as equals regardless of caste, race or religion • Because Amritsar is the site of the massacre in 1919, pilgrimage to the city allows Sikhs to reflect on the history and development of their faith. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

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2(c)	<p>The student must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. The student 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 described below.</p> <p>The student will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Sikhs the most important source of understanding of their faith comes from the Guru Granth Sahib, which is considered the living Guru, and therefore festivals may be considered more occasions for enjoyment than education Some Sikhs may say that festivals are not essential because the Gurus are considered spiritual teachers who shared the wisdom and guidance they have received from Waheguru, helping Sikhs to live a life in accordance with God's will Festivals may be best understood as an opportunity for Sikhs to share their faith with others, as opportunities for spiritual renewal, and for helping to unite the sangat Melas may be considered a very important source of understanding for Sikhs because they were established as Sikh celebrations by one of the Ten Gurus, Guru Amar Das. They are a way of using traditional celebrations to focus minds onto Sikh beliefs Some Sikhs will point to the importance of Bandi Chhor Divas because it celebrates the release of Guru Hargobind, and his support for the captive Hindu princes. This reminds Sikhs of the principle of respect for the beliefs of others Baisakhi can be thought important for Sikhs because it celebrates the establishment of Sikh initiation and the formation of the

	<p>Khalsa. The celebration reminds Sikhs of the commitments they make for their faith.</p> <p>Accept any other valid response. (10 marks)</p>
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3(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a way. Award a second mark for development of the way. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gurdwara is a place where Sikhs meet for congregational worship (1), because it is the home of the Guru Granth Sahib (1) It is a place where religious ceremonies are conducted (1), bringing the Sikh community together to celebrate moments of importance in their lives (1) A gurdwara is used as a community centre (1), offering food and companionship in the langar (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeated way / development. Development that does not relate both to the way given and to the question. 	(4)

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3(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sikhs will chant "Akaal" at the time of death as they believe this guides the soul to pass out of this worldly realm and into the Akaal Purakh, the Undying Being Some Sikh death rituals are an expression of respect for the person who has died, such as the preparation of the body for the funeral with a cleansing yoghurt bath, and by dressing the deceased in new clothes After the funeral, the Sangat gather before the Guru, and recite Rehiras and Gurbani Kirtan before taking part in a shared Langar, because these actions are seen as uplifting and strengthening. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

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