

Total Marks

Religious Studies
PAPER 2: The Religious Community

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes plus your additional
time allowance

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INSTRUCTIONS

**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.

Good luck with your examination.

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

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**1 (a) Outline TWO teachings of
the Buddha.
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**(b) Explain the contribution to Buddhism of ONE significant Buddhist other than the Buddha.
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(c) “Following the teachings of religious texts is an essential part of the life of a Buddhist.”

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 practices associated with the celebration of Wesak.
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**(b) Explain why going to Bodh Gaya is important for some Buddhists.
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(c) “Kapilavastu is the most important place of pilgrimage for Buddhists.”

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 Buddhist coming of age rituals.
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**(b) Explain the importance of images of the Buddha for Buddhists.
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(c) “All viharas should have the same features.”

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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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

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**1 (a) Outline TWO examples of Jesus' ministry of healing.
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**(b) Explain how the Bible is used in worship within any ONE Christian denomination.
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(c) “For Christians, Jesus’ resurrection is the most important event of his 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**
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

- 2 (a) Outline TWO features of a Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem.
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**(b) Explain the importance for Christians of pilgrimage to ONE place other than Bethlehem or Jerusalem.
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(c) “Christians should consider all Christian festivals as 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**
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Section 3: Worship and Practice

- 3 (a) Outline TWO features of a Christian funeral.
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**(b) Explain why churches are important
for Christians.
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(c) “Celebrating rites of passage is an essential part of Christianity.”

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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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

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**1 (a) Outline TWO stories in Hinduism associated with Krishna.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain why the swami is important
for many Hindus.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “The Bhagavad Gita is the most important Hindu text.”

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 features of Diwali.
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**(b) Explain why pilgrimage to Varanasi is important for many Hindus.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “The celebration of festivals is 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**
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Section 3: Worship and Practice

- 3 (a) Outline TWO ways images of deities are used in Hinduism.
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**(b) Explain why temples are important
for Hindu communities.
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(c) “It is essential for Hindus to observe the samskara of marriage.”

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 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

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**1 (a) Outline TWO roles of the Ulema for Muslims today.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain the importance of
Muhammad as ‘seal of the prophets’.
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(c) “The Rightly-Guided Caliphs were essential to the development of Islam.”

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 ways in which Madinah is important for Muslims.
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**(b) Explain the importance of Eid ul-Fitr
for Muslims.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “All Muslims should visit Makkah during their lifetime.”

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 ways mosques are used by Muslims today.
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**(b) Explain the importance of the Jum'a prayers for Muslims.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “For Muslims, birth ceremonies are more important than death rituals.”

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 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

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**1 (a) Outline TWO roles of prophets in Judaism.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain why Maimonides is important
for many Jews.
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(c) “Moses is the most important person in 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**
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

- 2 (a) Outline TWO features of
Yad Vashem.
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**(b) Explain the importance of Chanukah
for Jewish people.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “Jerusalem is the most important place in 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**
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Section 3: Worship and Practice

- 3 (a) Outline TWO ways in which synagogues are used by Jews today. (4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain the significance of the internal features of a synagogue.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “Bar Mitzvah ceremonies are the most important rituals for Jews.”

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

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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

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**1 (a) Outline TWO ways Sikhs use the
Guru Granth Sahib.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain the contribution to Sikhism of ONE significant Sikh other than the Ten Gurus.
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(c) “The Ten Gurus are of equal importance in 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**
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

**2 (a) Outline TWO features of Baisakhi.
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**(b) Explain the importance to Sikhs of the Harmandir.
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(c) “Gurpurbs are the most important festival for Sikhs.”

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 worship in the gurdwara.
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**(b) Explain the importance of the langar for Sikhs.
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(c) “Rites of passage are an essential part of Sikh life.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- **reference to teachings**
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TOTAL FOR RELIGION F = 60 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS
END