

Religious Studies

PAPER 2: The Religious Community

Total Marks

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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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.

**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 teachings of the Dhammapada.
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**(b) Explain why the early life of the Buddha is important for Buddhists.
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(c) “The sangha is essential in helping Buddhists follow the teaching 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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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

- 2 (a) Outline TWO practices associated with pilgrimage to Kapilavastu.
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**(b) Explain why going on pilgrimage to Sarnath is important for some Buddhists.
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(c) “Nirvana Day is the most important festival for Buddhists.”

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 external features of a vihara.
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**(b) Explain the importance of viharas to the Buddhist community.
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(c) “Coming of age ceremonies are an essential part of Buddhism.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

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- **reference to teachings**
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TOTAL FOR RELIGION A = 60 MARKS

**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 examples of authority in any ONE
Christian denomination.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain different attitudes to the ordained ministry within Christianity.
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(c) “The Bible has the same importance for all Christians.”

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 practices associated with a Christian pilgrimage to any ONE place other than Bethlehem or Jerusalem.
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**(b) Explain the importance for Christians of pilgrimage to Bethlehem.
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(c) “The most important part of Christmas is the celebration of family 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 3: Worship and Practice

- 3 (a) Outline TWO examples of Christian devotional activities.
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(b) Explain the significance of the design of church buildings for Christians.
(6 marks)

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(c) “Only those who have been baptised are truly Christians.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

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- **reference to teachings**
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TOTAL FOR RELIGION B = 60 MARKS

**Answer ALL questions for your chosen religion.
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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 ways Ramanuja influenced the
development of Hindu ideas.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain why Rama is important for Hindus.
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(c) “Pujaris are essential to Hinduism.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- **reference to teachings**
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

- 2 (a) Outline TWO features of the celebration of Durga Puja.
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**(b) Explain why the river Ganges is important
for many Hindus.
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(c) “Pilgrimage is not a necessary part of religious practice for a Hindu.”

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 external features of a Hindu temple.
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**(b) Explain why the sacred thread samskara is important for many Hindus.
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(c) “Mantras are the best form of Hindu worship.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

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TOTAL FOR RELIGION C = 60 MARKS

**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 ways Muslims show respect for
the Qur'an.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain the importance of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs for the development of Sunni Islam.
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- (c) “The principles of ijma and qiyyas are essential for a complete understanding of Muslim teaching.”**

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- **reference to teachings**
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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

- 2 (a) Outline TWO ways in which Makkah is significant for Muslims.
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**(b) Explain the importance of the hajj for Muslims.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “Eid ul-Adha is the most important Muslim festival.”

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 Muslim birth ceremonies.
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(b) Explain why the design of mosques may differ from one Muslim community to another.
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(c) “For Muslims, worship at home is just as important as worship in a mosque.”

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 D = 60 MARKS

**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 the Mishnah in
their lives.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain the importance of the rabbi in
Jewish communities.
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(c) “Abraham was the most important leader 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 ways Masada is significant for Jews.
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**(b) Explain the importance of Jerusalem for Jews.
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(c) “Pesach is the most important Jewish celebration.”

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 the observance of Shabbat.
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**(b) Explain the importance of Brit Milah for Jews.
(6 marks)**

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(c) “The most important purpose of a synagogue is as a place of worship.”

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.
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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 sources of guidance for Sikhs other
than the Guru Granth Sahib.
(4 marks)**

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**(b) Explain the importance of the human Gurus
for Sikhs.
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(c) “The Sikh community does not need religious leaders today.”

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 practices associated with Sikh pilgrimage.
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**(b) Explain the importance to Sikhs of the celebration of gurburbs.
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(c) “Amritsar is an essential part of Sikh identity.”

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 the celebration of marriage in Sikhism.
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**(b) Explain the importance of the gurdwara for Sikhs.
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(c) “The Nitnem are the most important aspects of Sikh worship.”

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- **reference to teachings**
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