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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 International GCSE (9–1)

Time 1 hour 30 minutes	Paper reference	4RS1/02
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Religious Studies

PAPER 2: The Religious Community

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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** 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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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
- 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) "Only those who have been baptised are truly Christians."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

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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** ways Ramanuja influenced the development of Hindu ideas.

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- (b) Explain why Rama is important for 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.

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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

(b) Explain the importance of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs for the development of Sunni Islam.

- (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:

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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:

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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 the Mishnah in their lives.

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- (b) Explain the importance of the rabbi in Jewish communities.

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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:

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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

- 1 (a) Outline **two** sources of guidance for Sikhs other than the Guru Granth Sahib.

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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.

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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:

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