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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.
- Good luck with your examination.

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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 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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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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** examples of Jesus' ministry of healing. (4)

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(b) Explain how the Bible is used in worship within any **one** Christian denomination. (6)

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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
- 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 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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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TOTAL FOR RELIGION B = 60 MARKS



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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 in Hinduism associated with Krishna.

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

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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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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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.

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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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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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 Ulema for Muslims today.

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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.

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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
- a balanced conclusion.

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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.

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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



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** roles of prophets in Judaism.

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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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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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.

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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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** ways in which synagogues are used by Jews today.

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

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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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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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 Sikhs use the Guru Granth Sahib. (4)

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(b) Explain the contribution to Sikhism of **one** significant Sikh other than the Ten Gurus. (6)

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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
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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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
- 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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