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**World religions**  
**Standard level**  
**Paper 1**

Wednesday 15 May 2019 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

1 hour 15 minutes

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer a total of five questions selecting at least one question from:  
Section A  
and  
Section B  
and  
Section C.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- Each question is worth **[9 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.



Answer a total of **five** questions, selecting **at least one** from **each** section. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

### Section A

Answer **at least one** question. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

#### Hinduism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

1. “But he, whose intellect has no discrimination and whose mind is not under control and who is always unclean, does not reach that goal [moksha] and remains in samsara. But he, who knows, who has his mind always under control and who is clean, reaches that goal from which he is not born again.”

The Upanishads and Sri Sankara’s commentary, Sitarama Sastri, S., tr;  
Ganganatha Jha, 1898, p.52

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage.

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**(Question 1 continued)**

(b) Explain why the atman (self or soul) may be condemned to samsara (cycle of life).

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## Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

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- (a) Identify the **three** paths of action that are mentioned in this passage. [3]

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- (b) Explain how these **three** paths of action relate to the Noble Eightfold Path. [6]

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### Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

3. “Those who are attuned to Your Love [...] are released from the pains of birth and death. [...] Those who meditate on the Naam, the Name of the Lord, obtain the fruits of peace. Twenty-four hours a day, they worship and adore You. In Your Sanctuary, with Your Support, they subdue [overcome] the five villains [vices].”

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- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage. [3]

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- (b) Explain what Sikhs must do to overcome the five vices. [6]

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## Section B

Answer **at least one** question. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

### Judaism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

4. Rabbi Jacob said, “The world is like a vestibule [entrance/lobby] to the World to Come; prepare yourself in the vestibule that you may enter into the hall.”

Mishnah Yomit by Dr. Joshua Kulp

<http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/avoth-chapter-four-mishnah-sixteen/>

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- (a) Identify **three** beliefs in this passage.

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- (b) Explain Jewish teachings about the hereafter.

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## Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

5. “But now that you have been freed from sin and become servants of God, the advantage you get is sanctification [becoming holy]. The end is eternal life. For the wages [consequence] of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Scripture quotations taken from The Holy Bible, New International Version® NIV®  
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- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage.

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- (b) Explain what is meant by heaven according to Christianity.

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**Islam**

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

6. “He is Allah, the One, Allah, the Eternal and Absolute, He does not beget, nor was He begotten, And there is none who are His equal.”

From Modern Literal Translation of the Qur’an by Progressive Muslims Organization  
[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Quran\\_\(Progressive\\_Muslims\\_Organization\)/112](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Quran_(Progressive_Muslims_Organization)/112)

- (a) Identify **three** beliefs in this passage.

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- (b) Explain why Muslims should submit themselves to Allah.

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## Section C

Answer **at least one** question. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

### Taoism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

7. “The wise ones gained their knowledge without travelling; gave their [right] names to things without seeing them; and accomplished their ends without any purpose of doing so [taking no action].”

*Tao Te Ching* by Lao-tzu, translated by J. Legge (1891),  
Sacred Books of the East, Vol 39

- (a) Identify the **three** abilities of the “wise ones” according to this passage. [3]

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- (b) Explain why taking no action is important to Taoists. [6]

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## Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. “It is better to observe vows and austerities that lead to birth as a celestial [heavenly] being than to lead a vowless life of sensual [physical] pleasures that leads to birth as an infernal being.”

“Knowing that on contact with the body even pure objects are rendered impure, and that the body is home to many afflictions and woes, to provide it with the objects of pleasure makes no sense.”

Golden Discourse 3; 18 (adapted)  
<http://www.jainpedia.org/resources/e-library/>

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in these passages.

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- (b) Explain Jain beliefs about what causes the jiva (soul) to be weighed down within ajiva (the world of matter).

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## Bahá'í Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

9. “There are those who believe that the cause of salvation is none other than a confession of Divine Unity [God is one]. There are those who say: This is not sufficient. Belief in Divine Unity must be combined with righteous deeds as prescribed by the All-Merciful.”

From Selection of Maktub of 'Abdu'l-Bahá - Volume 2, Abdu'l-Bahá,  
Published by Bahá'í World Center Publications, 1984, p.140

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage.

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- (b) Explain Bahá'í beliefs about how salvation is achieved.

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