

**World religions**  
**Standard level**  
**Paper 2**

Friday 6 November 2015 (morning)

1 hour 30 minutes

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer one question.
- Section B: answer one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [20 marks].

### Hinduism

1. Discuss the different types of sacred texts found in Hinduism.
2. Discuss the importance of pilgrimage and festivals in Hinduism.

### Buddhism

3. Examine the importance of karuna (compassion) in the moral conduct of Buddhists.
4. To what extent do Mahayana sacred texts differ from Theravada Buddhist texts?

### Sikhism

5. Examine the importance and the observance of festivals in Sikhism.
6. “Although Sikhism teaches equality, it is not always practised.” Discuss.

### Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism, investigate the ethical teaching concerning non-violence.

## Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [20 marks].

### Judaism

8. “Judaism does not welcome converts.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
9. Discuss Jewish teaching and practice in relation to divorce.

### Christianity

10. To what extent would you agree that blasphemy laws are needed to protect Christianity and the Christian Church?
11. “The hierarchy of many Churches is a weakness not a strength.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

### Islam

12. Analyse the two parts of the shahadah.
13. Examine the concepts of Yawm al-din (Day of Judgment), paradise and hell in the Qur’an.

### Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion, **either** Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam, examine attitudes to the interpretation of sacred texts.
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