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**WORLD RELIGIONS  
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**QUESTION BOOKLET – 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
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  - Section B
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  - Section C.
- Write your answers in the boxes provided.
- Each question is worth *[10 marks]*.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[50 marks]*.



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Answer a total of **five** questions, selecting **at least one** from **each** section. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

### SECTION A

Answer **at least one** question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

#### Hinduism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

1. “Those who remember me at the time of death will come to me. Do not doubt this. Whatever occupies the mind at the time of death determines the destination of the dying; always they will tend toward that state of being. Therefore remember me at all times and fight on. With your heart and mind intent on me, you will surely come to me. When you make your mind one-pointed through regular practice of meditation, you will find the supreme glory of the Lord.”

*Bhagavad Gita 8:5–8*

- (a) Outline the ways in which Krishna suggests that a person can reach union with the divine. [3]

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- (b) Deduce the relationship between Krishna’s teachings in the passage and paths to moksha (Yoga).

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## Buddhism

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

2. “No fever [desire] is found  
In one who has travelled the road,  
Who, sorrowless, freed in every way,  
Has destroyed all bonds [reached nirvana/nibbana].”

*Dhammapada 90*

- (a) Comment on the meaning of “No fever [desire] is found” within this verse. [3]

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(b) Explain why nirvana/nibbana (Enlightenment) is “sorrowless”.

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**Sikhism**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

3. “For many births you have become a worm or moth, an elephant, a fish or a deer. In several births you may have become a bird or a snake or may have been yoked as a horse or an ox. Meet the Creator of the universe, now is the time for the meeting: after a long time you have been given human form.”

*Guru Granth Sahib 176*

- (a) Identify what this passage says about the human condition.

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- (b) Analyse the relationship between the human condition and the “Creator of the universe”. [7]

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**SECTION B**

Answer **at least one** question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

**Judaism**

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

4. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.”

*Deuteronomy 6:2–4*

- (a) Comment on the meaning of this passage.

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(b) Explain how Jews should live according to the Shema.

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## Christianity

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

5. “Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic [universal] faith; Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic [universal] faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance.”

*Athanasian Creed*

- (a) Comment on the meaning of this passage.

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(b) Explain how Christians can attain salvation.

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**Islam**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

6. “This is the Book [al-kitab], in it is guidance, without doubt, to those who are righteous, who believe in the Unseen, are steadfast in prayer [salat] and spend of what We have provided for them, and who believe in the revelation sent to you and sent before your time, and in their hearts have the assurance of the Hereafter.”

*Qur'an 2:2–4*

- (a) Outline **at least three** ways in which Allah provides divine guidance to humankind. [3]

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- (b) Explain why divine requirements such as ritual prayer (salat) and alms-giving (zakat) can help Muslims not to stray from the right path.

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**SECTION C**

Answer **at least one** question. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

**Taoism**

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

7. “The sage moves through life not caring about home or name,  
living simply.  
He judges no one. His feet leave no prints.  
He is the perfect person.  
His boat is empty.”

Lao-Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*

- (a) Comment on the meaning of “His feet leave no prints”.

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(b) Explain what “living simply” means for a Taoist.

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**Jainism**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

8. “In the wilderness of mundane [worldly] existence, the embodied soul, on account of its association with external objects (other than the Self), becomes subject to numerous and various kinds of sufferings. Hence, those desirous of attaining spiritual liberation shun such contact in thought, word and deed.”

*Samayika-patha*

- (a) Identify why Jains believe the “association with external objects” is a problem for the soul. [3]

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- (b) Explain the “numerous and various kinds of sufferings” that mark the human condition. [7]

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**Baha’i Faith**

*Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.*

9. “Therefore, we learn that the immortality of the soul, or spirit, is not contingent or dependent upon the so-called immortality of the body, because the body in the quiescent state, in the time of sleep, may be as dead, unconscious, senseless; but the soul, or spirit, is possessed of perceptions, sensations, motion and discovery. Even inspiration and revelation are obtained by it.”

Abdu’l-Bahá, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, Talk in Washington DC, 9 November 1912

- (a) Outline the meaning of this passage.

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(b) Explain the Baha’i teachings about the soul.

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