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**WORLD RELIGIONS
STANDARD LEVEL
PAPER 2**

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1 hour 30 minutes

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. Justify the argument that Bhakti is central to Hindu understandings of religious experience.
2. To what extent is the ideal of varnashramadharma essential to Hindu understandings of right action?

Buddhism

3. Compare and contrast the composition and compilation of the Theravada and Mahayana sacred texts.
4. Discuss the meaning and significance of the Three Marks of Existence (anicca, dukkha and anatta) for Buddhists.

Sikhism

5. To what extent is the Sikh view of marriage undermined by contemporary social values?
6. To what extent can it be argued that nam simran is central to Sikh religious experience?

Open-ended question

7. Examine the extent to which ritual is important for the lay person in **one** religion, **either** Buddhism **or** Hinduism **or** Sikhism, citing at least one example of a ritual that is performed daily and a ritual that is performed at a particular time or times in the year.

SECTION B

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

Judaism

8. Compare the importance to Jews of the Hebrew Bible and the Talmud.
9. Explain Jewish eschatology.

Christianity

10. “Women should not be ordained as religious ministers.” Discuss.
11. Explain why Christians disagree over the importance of the Apocrypha.

Islam

12. To what extent is “veiling” a requirement for Muslim women?
13. Discuss the significance of angels in Islam.

Open-ended question

14. With reference to religious teachings on sexual conduct, examine attitudes to homosexuality in **either** Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam.
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