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World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

Friday 30 April 2021 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

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45 minutes

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 three questions selecting 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 **[27 marks]**.



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

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Hinduism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

1. “One who is self-controlled and unattached and who disregards all material enjoyments can obtain [...] the highest perfect stage of freedom from reaction.”

Bhagavad Gita 18:49

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

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- (b) Explain Hindu teachings about the consequences of karma. [6]

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 2. “All conditioned things are impermanent...
All conditioned things are unsatisfactory...
All things are not self.”

Dhammapada 277, 278 and 279

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

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- (b) Explain Buddhist beliefs about samsara. [6]

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 3. "Some are very knowledgeable, but if they do not know the Guru, then what is the use of their lives? The blind have forgotten nam, [...] The self-willed manmukhs are in utter darkness. Their comings and goings in reincarnation do not end; through death and rebirth, they are wasting away."

Guru Granth Sahib 19

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

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- (b) Explain Sikh beliefs about the sach khand (realm of truth). [6]

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Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Judaism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

4. “The sum of the matter, when all is said and done: Revere God and observe His commandments (mitzvot). For this applies to all mankind: that God will call every creature to account for all their conduct, be it good or bad.”

Ecclesiastes 12.13-14. Tanakh, The Holy Scriptures

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

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- (b) Explain how Jews might observe the commandments (mitzvot). [6]

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

5. “Even as he spoke, many believed in him. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’.”

John 8 30-32

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

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- (b) Explain how Christians might obey the teachings of Jesus. [6]

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- 6. "When a non-believer does good he is made to taste Its reward in this world. And so far as the believer is concerned, Allah stores (the reward) of his virtues for the Hereafter and provides him sustenance in accordance with his obedience to Him."

Hadith, Sahih Muslim 2808 b

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

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- (b) Explain Muslim beliefs about the importance of obedience to Allah's will. [6]

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Section C

Answer **one** question from this section. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

Taoism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

7. “Who can wait quietly while the mud settles?
Who can remain still until the moment of action?
Observers of the Tao do not seek fulfilment.
Not seeking fulfilment, they are not swayed by desire for change.”

Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching* 15

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

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- (b) Explain Taoist teaching on living the Way. [6]

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. "To do harm to others is to do harm to oneself. You are he whom you intend to kill. You are he who you intend to dominate. We corrupt ourselves as soon as we intend to corrupt others. We kill ourselves as soon as we intend to kill others."

Acaranga Sutra 1.5.5

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

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- (b) Explain Jain beliefs about attaining moksha (liberation). [6]

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Bahá'í Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

9. "In man there are two natures; his spiritual or higher nature and his material or lower nature. In one he approaches God, in the other he lives for the world alone. Signs of both these natures are to be found in men."

Abdul Bahá Paris Talks Part 1:18

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

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- (b) Explain Bahá'í beliefs about the human condition.

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