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World religions
Standard level
Paper 1

15 May 2023

Zone A afternoon | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** 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
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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. “A leader who protects their people receives from each one a sixth part of their spiritual merit; but if a leader does not protect them, they will receive a sixth part of their demerit. A leader who affords no protection, yet receives the sixth part of the produce, takes on themselves all the foulness of the whole people... They will soon sink low [after death].”

Manu Samhita 8.304–9 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain the effects of bad karma on the universe. [6]

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Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

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

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(b) Explain Buddhist teachings on enlightenment.

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Sikhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

3. “Night and day, enjoy the enjoyments, and be in love with the Lord [God]. Deep within the mansion of the self, one finds the Lord, who transcends this mansion. Realizing His Will, we merge in Him. The Great Giver Himself gives. No one has any power to stand against Him.”

Guru Granth Sahib 1058 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain how becoming gurmukh (God-centred) affects Sikhs.

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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. “Let the property of your fellow be as precious unto you as your own; make yourself fit to study Torah for it will not be yours by inheritance; and let all your actions be for the sake of heaven.”

Pirkei Avot 2.12 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain Jewish teachings about the Messianic Age. [6]

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Christianity

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

5. “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me [Jesus]. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

John 14: 1–3 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain Christian beliefs about heaven, hell and purgatory.

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Islam

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

6. “Certainly, truthfulness leads to righteousness and righteousness leads to Paradise. A person continues to be truthful and encourages honesty until he is recorded with Allah as truthful. And beware of falsehood. Certainly, falsehood leads to wickedness and wickedness leads to the Hellfire. A person continues to tell lies and encourages falsehood until he is recorded with Allah as a liar.”

Hadith Sahih Muslim 2607 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain the importance of acknowledging tawhid (the oneness of Allah) in the life of a Muslim.

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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. “All beings bear the negative physical form, which is represented by yin,
And embrace the positive true nature, which is represented by yang.
With the union of these two, they arrive at a state of harmony.”

Lao-Tzu, Tao Te Ching 42 (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain how Taoists try to live in harmony with the Tao.

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Jainism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

8. “At every moment new Karma particles attach to the Soul through the activities of Body, Mind, and Speech. At the same time old Karma particles detach from the Soul after producing results. This process occurs simultaneously and continuously in every living being.”

H. H. Shri Atmanandji, Aspirants Guide (adapted)

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

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- (b) Explain Jain teachings about samsara, karma and jiva (soul).

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Bahá'í Faith

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

9. I [Bahá'u'lláh] have set my face towards Your [God's] Purpose, believing in Your oneness, acknowledging Your unity, recognizing Your sovereignty and the power of Your might [...].

Prayers and Meditations of Bahá'u'lláh XXI (adapted)
www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahaullah/prayers-meditations/1#187607508

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

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- (b) Explain Bahá'í beliefs about God's prophets in achieving salvation.

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