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# World religions

## Standard level

### Paper 2

14 May 2025

Zone A morning | Zone B morning | Zone C 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 **[30 marks]**.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [15 marks].

### Hinduism

1. Discuss the importance of ashrams for individuals and groups within Hinduism.
2. Compare the importance of Holi and Diwali for Hindus.

### Buddhism

3. Discuss the importance of group religious experience in Buddhism.
4. Discuss how the Three Marks of Existence are related to each other in Buddhist teachings.

### Sikhism

5. Discuss the importance of the Rahit Maryada (the Sikh code of conduct) regarding ethics and moral conduct for Sikhs.
6. Discuss the importance of the Khalsa as a source of authority for Sikhs.

### Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion—Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism—examine the argument that killing is never morally justified.

## Section B

Answer **one** question from this section. Each question is worth [15 marks].

### Judaism

8. “The Mishnah and Talmud have little importance in Judaism.” Discuss.
9. Examine attitudes to divorce within Judaism.

### Christianity

10. “Christian churches have never given women the high status that Jesus Christ did.” Discuss.
11. Discuss the importance of the Trinity in Christian belief.

### Islam

12. Examine the importance of marriage as a rite of passage for Muslims.
13. “Love for human beings and protection of the weak should be the most important considerations for ethics and moral conduct of Muslims.” Discuss.

### Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion—Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam—discuss the composition of the Torah **or** the Bible **or** the Qur’an.
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