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# Religious Studies

## Unit 7: Religion and life based on a study of Sikhism

Monday 15 May 2017 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS07/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious experiences prove God exists?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how the causation argument may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should agree with the scientific explanation of the origins of the world."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2 (a) What does **omniscient** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think evil and suffering prove that God does not exist?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how the design argument may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Everyone should have a religious upbringing."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**

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**SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH**

**You must answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) What does **mukti** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think the media should be free to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Sikhs do not agree with abortion. (8)
- (d) "Believing in life after death should not affect how a Sikh lives."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** (a) What is meant by **sanctity of life**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Sikhs should agree with euthanasia?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Sikhs agree with abortion. (8)
- (d) "Ghosts and mediums show that non-religious people should believe in life after death."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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### SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 5 (a) What is **adultery**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Sikhs should accept the use of contraception?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why family life is important for Sikhs. (8)
- (d) "Sikhs should not agree with sex before marriage."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 6 (a) What is meant by **procreation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Sikhs should accept divorce?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Sikhs may not accept homosexuality. (8)
- (d) "Raising a family is the most important thing a Sikh can do."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

### EITHER

- 7 (a) What is meant by **discrimination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Sikhs should allow men and women to have equal rights in religion?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how the government has worked to promote community cohesion in the UK. (8)
- (d) "It is difficult for families to follow their religion in a multi-faith society."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by a **multi-faith society**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious beliefs about issues in this section, 'Religion and community cohesion', are treated fairly by the media?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how religions work to promote community cohesion in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Promoting racial harmony is the most important thing a Sikh can do."  
In your answer you should refer to Sikhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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