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Monday 23 June 2025

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/4F**

Religious Studies

Advanced

PAPER 4: Study of Religion

Option 4F: Sikhism

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.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

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

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1** Explore the impact of British rule in India on Gurdwara reform.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

It is significant that millions of Sikh women who are not deemed worthy of seva in the Darbar Sahib have not raised their voices in protest. However, a handful of Sikh women in the West have raised this issue as unjust treatment; the fact that they are converts to Sikhism adds considerable ambiguity to the debate. There is also the question whether cultural hegemony, an issue raised earlier, may also play a role in this situation. The influences of the 'West' are often maligned, particularly by diaspora Sikhs attempting to uphold Punjabi Sikh values, practices, and customs in raising their children. Yet it would appear that it is precisely the Western values of equality, feminism, and postmodern responses to authority, combined with a distinctly minority-based interpretation of Sikh egalitarianism, that are driving the momentum in creating a new resistance movement and ethos within Sikhism—at least within Sikhism in the diaspora.

(Source: extract from *Sikhism, Interfaith Dialogue, and Women: Transformation and Identity*
Doris R. Jakobsh, *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 2006, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about the impact of non-Sikh culture on the values and practices in the Sikh diaspora.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the role of women within Sikhism.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- 4** Evaluate the significance of miri-piri as a distinctive feature of Sikhism.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Sikhism have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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