



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option F

An Introduction to the Study of Sikhism

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this unit.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option F – An Introduction to the Study of Sikhism

Part **a)** of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part **b)** of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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| 0 | 1 | a) Examine the importance for Sikh identity of worship in the gurdwara. [15] |
| | | b) ‘Fulfilment of religious needs rather than social needs is the most important role of the gurdwara.’
Evaluate this view. [15] |

Or,

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| 0 | 2 | a) Examine the spiritual values expressed in the Sikh festival of Diwali. [15] |
| | | b) ‘Vaisakhi is more important than Diwali in Sikhism.’
Evaluate this view. [15] |

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain how the Guru Granth Sahib is regarded as a living guru in Sikhism. [15]
- b) 'The Guru Granth Sahib is not relevant for Sikhs today.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Examine the concept of God within Sikhism. [15]
- b) 'The concept of God is the most important concept in Sikhism.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Examine the material and spiritual value of sewa within the Sikh community. [15]
- b) 'Sewa is the most important Sikh teaching.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

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