**Religious Studies B**
**Paper 1: Area of Study 1 – Religion and Ethics**
**Option 1G – Sikhism**

Monday 14 May 2018 – Afternoon
**Time: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**Instruction**
- 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 all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

**Information**
- The total mark for this paper is 102.
- 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 use of specialist terminology.
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

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

Question 1: Sikh Beliefs

1. (a) Outline three ways Sikhs perform sewa. (3)

(b) Explain two Sikh teachings about life after death. (4)
(c) Explain two Sikh beliefs about the nature of human life.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

(5)
In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) “God is best described as the Creator.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Sikh teachings
• reach a justified conclusion.

(15)
Question 2: Marriage and the Family

2  (a) Outline three Sikh teachings about gender discrimination.  

(b) Explain two reasons why family planning may be important for Sikhs.
(c) Explain two Sikh teachings about marriage.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) “Married people should never get divorced.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Sikh teachings
• refer to non-religious points of view
• reach a justified conclusion.

(12)
Question 3: Living the Sikh Life

3  (a) Outline three features of Sikh birth rituals.  

(b) Explain two ways Sikhs might take part in an akhand path.
(c) Explain **two** reasons why gurpurbs are important for Sikhs today.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

(5)
In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) “All Sikhs should help in the langar.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

• refer to Sikh teachings
• reach a justified conclusion.

(15)
Question 4: Matters of Life and Death

4 (a) Outline three Sikh beliefs about the origins of the universe. (3)

(b) Explain two Sikh teachings about animal rights. (4)
(c) Explain two reasons why Sikhs reject arguments against life after death.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

(5)
(d) “Abortions should never be allowed.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Sikh teachings
• refer to relevant ethical arguments
• reach a justified conclusion.