



GCE AS – **NEW**

B120UF0-1



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1**  
**Option F: An Introduction to Sikhism**

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – MORNING

1 hour 30 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 50 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 component.
- 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.

**COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion**  
**Option F – An Introduction to 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,**

1. (a) Explain how the festival of Diwali helps Sikhs to focus on spiritual matters. [25]
- (b) ‘Festivals are an essential part of Sikh identity.’  
 Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

2. (a) Explain how the festival of Vaisakhi helps Sikhs to focus on the virtues of Sikh life. [25]
- (b) ‘Celebrating historical events on festival days is meaningless.’  
 Evaluate this view with reference to Sikhism. [25]

**Section B**

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Explain how Guru Gobind Singh developed Sikhism. [25]
- (b) ‘Guru Gobind Singh had a greater impact on Sikhism than Guru Nanak.’  
 Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

4. (a) Examine the Sikh understanding of God. [25]
- (b) ‘The most important Sikh teaching about God is that God is personal.’  
 Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

5. (a) Examine the influence of sewa on personal morality. [25]
- (b) ‘Sewa is the most important Sikh teaching.’  
 Evaluate this view. [25]

**END OF PAPER**