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Section A

Answer one question from this section. Each question is worth [15 marks].

Hinduism

- **1.** Examine the importance of undertaking yatra (pilgrimage) to sacred rivers, shrines and kumbha-melas (special bathing fairs) in Hinduism.
- 2. "No two Hindu philosophical systems interpret sacred texts in the same way." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Buddhism

- 3. Discuss the nature and role of sacred texts in Buddhism.
- **4.** Examine Buddhist belief in the Three Marks of Existence: anicca/anitya, dukkha/duhkha and anatta/anatman.

Sikhism

- 5. Discuss the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib for the ethics and moral conduct of Sikhs.
- **6.** Examine the links between Sikh rituals in the gurdwara (any place where the Guru Granth Sahib is installed) and Sikh doctrine.

Open-ended question

7. With reference to **one** religion—Hinduism **or** Buddhism **or** Sikhism—discuss the importance of meditation and worship.

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Section B

Answer one question from this section. Each question is worth [15 marks].

Judaism

- 8. Discuss Jewish practices regarding divorce.
- 9. "It is always wrong to interpret the Torah." Discuss.

Christianity

- 10. Discuss diverse Christian understandings of baptism and its relationship to becoming a Christian.
- 11. "The incarnation is the most important doctrine in Christianity." Discuss.

Islam

- **12.** Examine the relevance of shari'ah (divine law) and qanun (secular law) for the ethics and moral conduct of Muslims.
- 13. Examine Sufi religious experiences in Islam.

Open-ended question

14. With reference to **one** religion—Judaism **or** Christianity **or** Islam—discuss the importance of rituals associated with the dying and the dead.