GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 1: Sikhism

Specimen

Morning  Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
Before you open this booklet, you must ensure you have the question paper/answer booklet for the other religion option you are entered for (Buddhism, Catholic Christianity, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam or Judaism).

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at both the top of this page and the top of the question paper/answer booklet for the other religion option.
- Answer all questions.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.

Information
- The maximum mark for this option is 51.
- The marks for the questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) will be assessed in the 12-mark question in the Beliefs section.

Advice
You will have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete both question paper/answer booklets. You are advised to spend 50 minutes on this paper and 50 minutes on your other religion option.
BELIEFS

Which one of the following is the name of the holy book of Sikhism? [1 mark]

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A  Guru Granth Sahib.
B  Sangat.
C  Singh.
D  Mool Mantra.

Give two examples of how someone might show ‘haumai’. [2 marks]

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01.3 Explain two ways in which belief in karma influences Sikhs today. [4 marks]

01.4 Explain two Sikh teachings about God.
Refer to sacred writings or another source of Sikh belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]
‘For Sikhs, sewa (service to others) is the most important duty.’

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
- refer to Sikh teaching
- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]
PRACTICES

02.1 Which **one** of the following is the festival that celebrates the founding of the Khalsa in Sikhism?

[1 mark]

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A Vaisakhi.
B Gurmukh.
C Gurpurb.
D Amrit.

02.2 Give **two** of the 5 Ks of Sikhism.

[2 marks]

1 ___________________________________________
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2 ___________________________________________
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02.3 Explain **two** contrasting ways of following the Sikh Path taken by sahajdhari and amritdhari Sikhs.

[4 marks]

02.4 Explain **two** ways in which the takht is important in a Sikh Gurdwara.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of Sikh belief and teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]
‘The best way for Sikhs to gain an understanding the nature of God is by meditating on the name of God.’

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
- refer to Sikh teaching
- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]