



**GCE AS/A LEVEL**

**2120UF0-1**



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**FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025 – 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) Explain the rules of the Khalsa in relation to the general Sikh principle of Dharam Yudh. | [15] |
|   |   |  |                                                                                              |      |
|   |   |  | b) 'There is no such thing as a just war.'<br>Evaluate this view with reference to Sikhism.  | [15] |

**Or,**

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| 0          | 2 |  | a) Explain the concepts of:                                                             |      |
|            |   |  |                                                                                         |      |
|            |   |  | i) Kirat Karo (earning money righteously and honestly)                                  |      |
| <b>and</b> |   |  |                                                                                         |      |
|            |   |  | ii) Naam Japo (remembrance of God by repeating and focusing the mind on his name).      | [15] |
|            |   |  |                                                                                         |      |
|            |   |  | b) 'Naam Japo is far more important in Sikhism than Kirat Karo.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [15] |

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Explain how ideas from Islam and Hinduism influenced Guru Nanak's key teachings. [15]
- b) 'All Guru Nanak did was adapt the religious teachings of his time.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine the stages of the soul's development on the path of enlightenment. [15]
- b) 'Sikh teaching about the soul has the greatest influence on the Sikh view of humanity.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine how the festival of Vaisakhi helps Sikhs to focus on the virtues of Sikh living. [15]
- b) 'Celebrating historical events is essential in keeping Sikh identity.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

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