



**GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1**

**Option F**

**An Introduction to the Study of Sikhism**

**THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – MORNING**

**1 hour 15 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 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,**

1. (a) Examine the role of the gurdwara in expressing Sikh identity. [15]
- (b) 'Sewa is the most important practice in the gurdwara.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

2. (a) Explain how the festival of Diwali expresses Sikh beliefs. [15]
- (b) 'Sikh identity can be best expressed through festivals.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

#### Section B

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Examine the concept of Sant Sipahi (saint-soldier) in Sikhism. [15]
- (b) 'The Sant tradition is irrelevant to Sikhs today.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

4. (a) Explain the contribution of Guru Gobind Singh to the development of Sikhism. [15]
- (b) 'Sikhism is identified more with Guru Gobind Singh than Guru Nanak.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

5. (a) Examine Sikh teaching on the nature of the soul. [15]
- (b) 'Sikhism has a monist view of the relationship between God and the soul.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**END OF PAPER**