GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A
Paper 1: Sikhism

Additional 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

01.1 Which one of the following started the Sikh faith? 

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

A Guru Gobind Singh. 
B Guru Nanak. 
C Guru Granth Sahib. 
D Gurmukh.

01.2 Give two ways in which God as creator is understood by Sikhs. 

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Explain two ways in which a belief in the aim of mukti influences the behaviour of Sikhs today. [4 marks]

Explain two ways in which the oneness of humanity is expressed in the stories of the lives of the Gurus. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Sikh belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]
In Sikhism, the main aim of human life is to unite with 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]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]
0 2  PRACTICES

0 2  . 1 Which one of the following refers to the continuous reading of the Guru Granth Sahib?  

[1 mark]

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

A  Akhand Path.
B  Kaur.
C  Langar.
D  Sewa.

0 2  . 2 Give two features of the gurdwara.  

[2 marks]

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02.3 Explain two contrasting ways in which gurpurbs are celebrated in India and Great Britain.

[4 marks]

02.4 Explain two reasons why it is important to visit Sikh historical gurdwaras, especially the Golden Temple at Amritsar.

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

[5 marks]
‘For Sikhs in Great Britain, festivals are the most important aspects of the Sikh faith.’

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]