

# Candidate Style Answers

## **GCSE Religious Studies B**

OCR GCSE in Religious Studies: J621

Unit: B604 (Sikhism)

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## B604 Ethics 2 (Peace and Justice, Equality and Media)

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<b>18e) ‘People should never be allowed to make fun of religion in the media.’ Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal statement. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. (12)</b>	
<i>Candidate style answer</i>	<i>Examiner’s commentary</i>
<p><i>The ‘media’ is a word we use to describe the ways in which information may be sent and received locally, nationally and globally. Examples of the media are newspapers, books, television and radio and the internet.</i></p> <p><i>Sikhs believe that all religions lead to God and therefore they should all be treated with equal respect by the media.</i></p> <p><i>A Sikh would agree that people and the media should not be allowed to make fun of a religion. They would recognise that the media could be a powerful tool for both good and bad ways of passing on information on a worldwide basis. They would see both advantages and disadvantages for its use.</i></p> <p><i>Sikhs would say that making fun of religion and using any part of the</i></p>	<p><b>High level response</b></p> <p>This candidate has demonstrated a clear understanding of the question by analysing the word ‘media’ and giving a number of examples.</p> <p>In this way a there is a clear reference to the religion studied despite the ‘generic’ aspect of the question.</p> <p>The candidate gives a range of different viewpoints to include the Sikh belief that all religions lead to one and the same God and should therefore be respected, as well as the recognition of the power of the media.</p> <p>The candidate responds with their own personal point of view, demonstrating a good answer by applying both a positive and negative response to the question, both of which are supported with examples from the</p>

<p><i>media to advertise this type of disrespect could be harmful as it may lead to prejudice, discrimination, aggression and violence.</i></p> <p><i>I think a Sikh would see the internet and television as a very positive way of passing on information but they might also argue that some television programmes and news may be biased against a religion and its followers and that the internet is not censored and therefore the standard of information available may disregard the normal boundaries and regulations that apply to other parts of the media.</i></p> <p><i>I think that some Sikhs might suggest that making fun of a religion can sometimes be harmless, especially when religious people are prepared to make fun of them selves to show they have a sense of humour or to advertise them selves in a more appealing light. Some Sikhs might even suggest that if the material produced is for a good reason, like raising money for charity or sewa, then it may influence other people to do something good and positive to support it.</i></p> <p><i>I think that most people including Sikhs would not agree with making fun of any religion in the media as this could cause racial hatred and lead to violence.</i></p>	<p>perspective of the target faith</p> <p>The information is presented in a clear and organised way with the specialist terms used appropriately.</p> <p>This answer reflects the significance of the issues raised with few, if any errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.</p>
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<p><i>I think all religious people, not just Sikhs would say that no one should be allowed to make fun of other people's religions in the media.</i></p> <p><i>The media is the way much of our news and information is spread worldwide, if people were allowed to make fun of religion they could upset each other, this could lead to arguing and violence.</i></p> <p><i>Sikhs would say that all religions lead to their god, so they would not be happy to see any religion being made fun of.</i></p> <p><i>Sikhs would say that all people are equal in the eyes of god, so they would not like different religious people to be made fun of.</i></p> <p><i>I think that jokes against religious people can be seen as racist.</i></p>	<p><b>Medium level response</b></p> <p>This candidate has demonstrated a satisfactory understanding of the question by describing the use of the media a way of disseminating information that can be both positive and negative and linking this to the Sikh and other faiths. They have therefore made an appropriate and clear reference to the religion studied.</p> <p>The candidate could have improved their understanding of the question by focusing on Sikh teaching instead of adopting a generic approach to their opening argument.</p> <p>There is some justified argument and discussion demonstrating different points of view but these need more depth of enquiry and a clear link to Sikh culture and teaching.</p> <p>The candidate has given evidence of a personal response but this is superficial and lacks any support or evidence.</p> <p>The information is presented in a structured format with specialist terms used appropriately and for the most part correctly.</p> <p>This answer contains a selection of relevant material with appropriate development with specialist terms used appropriately and for the most part correctly.</p>