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**Edexcel GCSE**

# Religious Studies

## Unit 6: Religion and life based on a study of Hinduism

Monday 13 May 2013 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference  
**5RS06/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- Questions in Section 1 are where your spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed. The total mark for spelling, punctuation and grammar will be 4.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1** (a) What is a **miracle**? (2)
- (b) Do you think unanswered prayers prove God does not exist?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how reading the Bhagavad Gita may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Natural evil is proof that God did not create the world."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** (a) What is **dharma**? (2)
- (b) Do you think miracles have happened?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how the architecture and symbols in a mandir may lead to, or support, belief in God. (8)
- (d) "The media helps people to believe in God."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**



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Chosen question number: **Question 1**  **Question 2**

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## SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 3** (a) What is **abortion**? (2)
- (b) Do you think life after death is impossible?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why euthanasia is a controversial issue. (8)
- (d) "The media should not be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 4** (a) What is meant by **paranormal**? (2)
- (b) Do you think belief in life after death should affect the way Hindus live their lives?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Hindus accept abortion. (8)
- (d) "Euthanasia should never be allowed."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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### SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 5** (a) What is **saptapadi**? (2)
- (b) Do you think mandirs help with the upbringing of children?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why attitudes to divorce have changed in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Sex before marriage is always wrong."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

#### OR

- 6** (a) What is meant by a **nuclear family**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Hindus should accept homosexuality?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Hindus accept contraception. (8)
- (d) "Attitudes to divorce have not really changed."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is meant by **sexism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think multi-faith societies cause problems for religious families?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how religions work to promote community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Racial harmony is possible in the UK."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by **interfaith marriages**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people should try to convert other people to their religion?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how discrimination and racism may cause problems in a multi-ethnic society. (8)
- (d) "Religious people can achieve community cohesion."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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