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# Religious Studies

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

Monday 16 May 2016 – 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.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- 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) Give **two** examples of **moral evil**. (2)
- (b) Do you think the symbols in a mandir support belief in God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "Mystical experiences prove that God exists."  
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 **agnosticism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think reading the Bhagavad Gita can lead to belief in God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how a Hindu upbringing may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Unanswered prayers show God does not exist."  
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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**SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH**

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

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) What is **maya**? (2)
- (b) Do you think euthanasia should be allowed in the UK?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some people think the media should be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death. (8)
- (d) "There is no such thing as life after 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 **assisted suicide**? (2)
- (b) Do you think non-religious people should believe in life after death?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why most Hindus do not agree with euthanasia. (8)
- (d) "All Hindus should be against abortion."  
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)

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### SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is **pre-marital sex**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attitudes towards divorce have changed in the UK?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why many Hindus accept the use of contraception. (8)
- (d) "Sex outside 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 **cohabitation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attitudes towards family life have changed in the UK?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Hindus accept divorce. (8)
- (d) "Attitudes to homosexuality 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)

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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

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**EITHER**

- 7 (a) What is meant by a **multi-faith society**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the government can help community cohesion?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how attitudes to the roles of men and women have changed in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Religious people must work for racial harmony."  
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 does **ethnic minority** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Hindus should help to promote racial harmony?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how a multi-faith society raises issues for religious people. (8)
- (d) "Men and women have equal rights in religion."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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