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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.
- Mark schemes will indicate within the table where, and which strands of QWC, are being assessed. The strands are as follows:

i) Ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear

ii) Select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and to complex subject matter

iii) Organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate.

Unit 13: Hinduism

1 (a)				
What is Om ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
1 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sacred symbol representing Brahman • The sound representing Brahman • The symbol of Hinduism <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A symbol • A sound • A sacred symbol <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aum <p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(0)</p>	2

1 (b)	Does it help to think of God as female? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which say that it does help to think of God as female are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Hinduism, the female principle or shakti represents the power or energy of the divine • Male images of deities tend to encourage male-dominated societies • It helps females to identify with God <p>Answers which say that it does not help to think of God as female are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It doesn't matter how the divine is depicted • The divine is best represented as the fusion of the male and female principles • In Hinduism, the underlying teaching is that the divine is nirguna, without form <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg the divine is best represented as the fusion of the male and female principles) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg the divine is best represented as the fusion of the male and female principles, such as the way in which Shiva and his consort Parvati together represent the ideal union) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

1 (c)	Explain why karma is important for Hindus.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
1 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It underpins the whole Hindu understanding of the results of good and bad actions • It represents one of the ways through which moksha may be attained • It is closely linked with samsara • All beings are subject to the law of karma <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

1 (d)	"Krishna is the supreme Lord." In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is what is taught in the Gita • Many Vaishnavas are devotees of Lord Krishna • Groups such as ISKCON worship Krishna as the supreme Lord <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krishna is an avatar of Vishnu • Followers of other religions believe in their own deities • The ultimate divine principle is without form or gender <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

2 (a) Who is Vishnu?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
2 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An aspect of Brahman (which maintains and preserves the order of the universe) • The preserver of the universe • One of the Trimurti • One of the principal deities • The deity worshipped by the Vaishnavites <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A (Hindu) deity • A god • The preserver <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers which define a different key word <p>(0)</p>	2

2 (b)	Do you think all living creatures have a soul? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
2 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think all living creatures have a soul are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is taught in the principal Hindu texts • There has to be some part of a living creature which survives death • Hinduism (and other religions) teaches that individuals have souls <p>Answers which do not think that all living creatures have a soul are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no evidence for the existence of souls • Some religions teach that only human beings have a soul • Nothing exists apart from matter, and the soul is claimed to be immaterial <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg there has to be some part of a living creature which survives death) <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg there has to be some part of a living creature which survives death, otherwise rebirth would not be possible) <p style="text-align: right;">2 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed <p style="text-align: right;">3 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons <p style="text-align: right;">4 marks</p>	4

2 (c)	Explain why samsara is important for Hindus.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
2 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It supports the Hindu view that life is cyclical • Rebirth may appear to be attractive, but humans have to try to escape the wheel of time • It is important to escape samsara as it is the main barrier to moksha • All actions in the world of samsara are subject to karma <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

2 (d)	“Moksha should be the goal of life for everyone.” In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
2 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberation from samsara is the goal of life for Hindus • Other human goals, such as happiness and pleasure, only lead to temporary satisfaction • Other human goals are distractions from moksha <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not everyone interprets moksha in the same way • Some people believe there is no such thing as moksha • Plenty of people find contentment and happiness in other goals <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

3 (a)				
What is a brahmin ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
3 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first of the varnas (from which the priests are drawn) The priestly caste The highest of the four varnas <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the four varnas A (Hindu) caste (Hindu) Priests <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(0)</p>	2

3 (b)		
Do you think the Bhagavad Gita is the most important book for Hindus? Give two reasons for your point of view.		
Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think the Bhagavad Gita is the most important book for Hindus are likely to use such reasons as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the most widely read of all Hindu scriptures Some groups/movements treat the book as their most important holy book It deals with the most important aspects of Hindu teaching <p>Answers which do not think the Bhagavad Gita is the most important book for Hindus are likely to use reasons such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not shruti so is less important It is popular rather than authoritative Other groups/movements follow the teachings of their own sacred texts <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one brief reason (eg it deals with the most important aspects of Hindu teaching) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two brief reasons or one developed reason (eg it deals with the most important aspects of Hindu teaching such as how moksha may be achieved) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

3 (c)	Explain why shruti writings are important in Hinduism.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
3 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are regarded as the most authoritative of all Hindu scriptures • they are regarded as one of the marks of Hindu orthodoxy • they are regarded as 'revealed' (rather than as merely 'remembered') • They are the most ancient sacred writings <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
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3 (d)	“Hindus are right to have changed their attitudes to caste.” In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
3 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the traditional caste system has become distorted over time • the system is regarded by some Hindus as having nothing to do with the sanatana dharma • the system has led to many social and religious injustices <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the system has been one of the factors which has helped to preserve Hinduism • the basis of the system is set out in the Vedas • the four varnas are a basic part of the Hindu way of life <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

4 (a) What is Vaishnavism ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
4 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the religion of Hindus devoted to Vishnu devotion to Vishnu/Rama/Krishna following one of the main deities <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Hindu sect <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p>(0)</p>	2

4 (b)	Do you think everyone needs the help of a guru? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think everyone needs the help of a guru are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who wish to achieve enlightenment should learn from a personal teacher • A personal teacher has the necessary experience and understanding of life to help a person to enlightenment • Mentoring has become a widely accepted and valued practice today <p>Answers which do not think everyone needs the help of a guru are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all gurus are good gurus • Some other religions think it is better to rely on holy books • The only person to rely on is yourself <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (e.g. Not all gurus are good gurus) 1 mark <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (e.g. Not all gurus are good gurus, because some have led lives contrary to Hindu teaching) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

4 (c)	Explain why ISKCON (The International Society for Krishna Consciousness) is important for some Hindus.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
4 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant number of people belong to this movement • It helps to make some of the beliefs and values of Hinduism meaningful in a Western setting • It is part of the Hindu tradition to respect all movements dedicated to spiritual enlightenment • It represents one of the major strands in Hindu teaching which regards Lord Krishna as the true embodiment of the divine <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

4 (d)	“The best guidance for life is found in the Upanishads.” In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
4 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Upanishads contain reflections and ideas about life, which are more important than rules • They represent an important strand of Advaita which has influenced all Hindu interpretations of life • They contain ideas about how to achieve moksha <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only a minority of scholars are able to interpret them • More practical guidance is found in other sources • The best guidance is that which lays down the law unequivocally <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

5 (a) What is Varanasi ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
5 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrimage city on the Ganges (associated with death rituals) • One of the abodes of Lord Shiva • A place of pilgrimage <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Hindu city • A city on the Ganges • A city in India • A place where ashes are scattered <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(0)</p>	2

5 (b)	Do you think festivals should be mainly for fun? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
5 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think festivals should be mainly for fun are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Hindu festivals have a 'fun' element • Fun is one of the best ways of remembering important beliefs, events and people • Fun enables everyone to take part <p>Answers which do not think festivals should be mainly for fun are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is easy to forget the real meaning behind festivals • Some Hindu festivals deal with serious matters which should not be treated trivially • The main purpose of festivals is to hand on the Hindu tradition and dharma <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg Many Hindu festivals have a 'fun' element) <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (eg Many Hindu festivals have a 'fun' element, such as Holi which involves people throwing coloured powders at each other) <p style="text-align: right;">2 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed <p style="text-align: right;">3 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons <p style="text-align: right;">4 marks</p>	4

5 (c)	Explain why many Hindus want to go on pilgrimage.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
5 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is one of the means of acquiring merit • It helps to remind Hindus of important stories, people or events • Some pilgrimages offer the possibility of final escape from the cycle of samsara • Some devotees go on pilgrimage to become closer to their chosen deity <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by referring to two views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

5 (d)	“You do not need a temple to worship God.” In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
5 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much Hindu worship is based in the home • Some Hindus do not see bhakti as the main focus of their lives • Many sadhus carry out their devotions in the open air <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The temple may make it easier to focus one’s mind • A pujari in a temple can lead people in the right way to worship • The atmosphere in a temple helps the devotee to become closer to the divine <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

6 (a) What is darshan ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
6 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying respect to a holy image to receive a blessing • Being in the presence of the deity • Receiving the blessing of the deity • Having a vision of the chosen deity <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable. (2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship • Receiving a blessing <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable. (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers which define a different key word (0) 	2

6 (b)	Should Ayodhya matter to Hindus more than any other place of pilgrimage? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
6 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which agree that Ayodhya matters to Hindus more than any other place of pilgrimage are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is especially important to the many devotees of Lord Rama • Many Hindus regard it as especially important because it has been a place of contention with Muslims • It is celebrated during Divali, the most important festival for many Hindus <p>Answers which do not agree that Ayodhya matters to Hindus more than any other place of pilgrimage are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Hindus recognise Varanasi as more important • No place of pilgrimage is any more or less important than another • It is not the importance of the place that matters, but the devotion of the pilgrim <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (eg it is especially important to devotees of Lord Rama) <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (e.g. it is especially important to devotees of Lord Rama because it is his birthplace which makes it sacred) <p style="text-align: right;">2 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed <p style="text-align: right;">3 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons <p style="text-align: right;">4 marks</p>	4

6 (c)	Explain why symbols are used in Hindu worship.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
6 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hinduism is an iconographic religion • Symbols are used to point towards the divine • It is traditional for Hindus to use symbols in their worship • Symbols help Hindus to engage all their senses in worship <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

6 (d)	“The Ganges is the gateway to moksha.” In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
6 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Hindus symbolise this by scattering the ashes of the dead in the Ganges • Many Hindus believe immersion in the Ganges leads to religious purity • The goddess Ganga is associated with Lord Shiva, from whom spiritual enlightenment is derived <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moksha does not come from ritual acts associated with the Ganges • The Ganges is symbolic; moksha comes from the spiritual and moral purity of the devotee • Many Hindus do not believe that the waters of the Ganges can wash away bad karma <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

7 (a) What is cremation ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
7 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burning the dead body (to release the soul) • The final Hindu samskar • The Hindu death ritual <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.</p> <p>(2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A samskar • A funeral <p>Any alternative wording of the above point is acceptable.</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word</p> <p>(0)</p>	2

7 (b)	Do you think self-discipline is the most important part of a young person's education? Give two reasons for your point of view.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
7 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think self-discipline is the most important part of a young person's education are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the basis of the brahmacharya ashrama • Self discipline prepares Hindus for the proper pursuits of the next stage of life • Moral behaviour depends on self discipline <p>Answers which do not think self-discipline is the most important part of a young person's education are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other values, such as non-attachment, are just as important as self-discipline • Devotion to one's teacher is equally as important in the brahmacharya ashrama • It is more important to pass exams if you want to succeed <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one brief reason (e.g. it is the basis of the brahmacharya ashrama) <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two brief reasons • or one developed reason (e.g. it is the basis of the brahmacharya ashrama. Without self-discipline, a brahmachari will not be able to achieve moksha) <p style="text-align: right;">2 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two reasons with one developed <p style="text-align: right;">3 marks</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two developed reasons <p style="text-align: right;">4 marks</p>	4

7 (c)	Explain why one Hindu organisation helps to relieve suffering in the UK.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
7 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is to show compassion to those in need • It may help those who do this work to acquire good karma • It is done because all souls are part of the divine Brahman • It is an expression of the positive aspect of ahimsa <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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Level 1	1-2	<p>Little understanding of the issue shown, typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving a brief reason • not explaining but only describing the issue. <p>The answer is likely to be in basic English. The skills needed to produce effective writing will not normally be present. The writing may have some coherence and will be generally comprehensible, but lack both clarity and organisation. High incidence of syntactical and/or spelling errors.</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

7 (d)	“The sannyasa ashrama is the most important stage of life.” In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
7 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the stage which is closest to the point of death and rebirth • The pursuit of spiritual enlightenment brings a person closest to achieving moksha • By renouncing material and selfish goals, the devotee is able to concentrate on the divine <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the four stages are equally important • Not all Hindus arrive at this stage • Some Hindus do not regard the traditional ideas about the four stages of life as being particularly relevant today <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

8 (a) What is Shraddha ?				
Question Number	Correct Answer	Partially Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
8 (a) AO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The offering of food (to the poor) in memory of ancestors The period of mourning for the dead <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable. (2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering food Mourning Remembering ancestors Belief/faith <p>Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable. (1)</p>	<p>Answers which define a different key word (0)</p>	2

8 (b) Do you think everyone should have a religious naming ceremony? Give two reasons for your point of view.		
Question Number	Answer	Mark
8 (b) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Answers which think everyone should have a religious naming ceremony are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is one of the samskars A name has important meanings for the family so it is important to mark this with a religious ceremony The ceremony conveys an important blessing on the child <p>Answers which do not think everyone should have a religious naming ceremony are likely to use such reasons as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rites of passage do nothing for the person concerned Naming is a family matter, not a religious matter Not all Hindus believe that ceremonies are a way of gaining blessing or merit <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one brief reason (eg it is one of the samskars) 1 mark two brief reasons or one developed reason (eg it is one of the samskars and for many orthodox and twice-born Hindus it is important to follow all of the 16 rites of transition) 2 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two reasons with one developed 3 marks <p>For a personal response with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two developed reasons 4 marks 	4

8 (c)	Explain why the grihastha ashrama is important in the Hindu way of life.	
Question Number	Indicative content The quality of written communication will be assessed in this answer (strands i, ii and iii)	
8 (c) AO1	<p>The main reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Hindus believe that following the pattern of all the four ashramas is part of the varnashramadharma which helps towards moksha • Hindus believe that marrying, family life and having children is an essential stage in life • It is important because it enables the values of artha and kama to be realised in a secure family setting • It affirms the path of karma yoga <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p>	
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Level 2	3-4	<p>Basic understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using two brief reasons • or a developed reason. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding with a limited command of English and little use of specialist vocabulary. The range of skills needed to produce effective writing is likely to be limited. There are likely to be passages which lack clarity and proper organisation. Frequent syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>A more developed understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using three brief reasons • or a fully developed reason • or two reasons with one developed. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear style of English and some use of specialist vocabulary. The candidate will demonstrate most of the skills needed to produce effective extended writing but there will be lapses in organisation. Some syntactical and/or spelling errors are likely to be present.</p>
Level 4	7-8	<p>A clear understanding of the issue is shown typically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using four brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or three reasons with one developed • or a comprehensive explanation using one reason only. <p>The candidate is likely to express understanding in a clear and correct style of English with a correct use of specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The skills needed to produce convincing extended writing in place. Good organisation and clarity. Very few syntactical and/or spelling errors may be found. Excellent organisation and planning.</p>

8 (d)	"Karma yoga is the best way to moksha". In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
8 (d) AO2	<p>Indicative content</p> <p>Reasons for supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is strongly affirmed in the Bhagavad Gita • It ensures that those who follow this way are thinking of others before themselves • M K Gandhi believed this path of selfless action is the universal path for all people, religious or not <p>Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Hindu teaching, all traditional margas are paths towards enlightenment • Many Hindus affirm that raja yoga is best way to moksha • Those who do not believe that moksha is the goal of life will not regard any path as particularly important <p>Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.</p> <p>Award marks as follows:</p> <p>Candidates who do not refer to Hinduism in either (i) or (ii) cannot go beyond 3 marks for the whole of (d).</p> <p>(i) Own opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason <p>(ii) Why some people may disagree with their opinion 1 mark for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief reason <p>2 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed reason • or two brief reasons <p>3 marks for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three brief reasons • or two developed reasons • or a fully developed reason • or one developed reason and one brief reason 	6

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