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# Religious Studies

## Unit 13: Hinduism

Tuesday 14 June 2011 – Morning

**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS13/01**

**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 80.
- 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 with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

### 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 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 1 (a) Who is **Shiva**? (2)
- (b) Do you think avatars help people to understand God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why moksha is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Hindus would get nowhere without the help of Ganesha."  
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 1 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 2 (a) What is the **sanatan dharma**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Krishna is the greatest deity?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why shakti is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Atman and Brahman are not the same."  
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 2 = 20 marks)



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## SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 3 (a) What is a **guru**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Hindus need priests?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why the Bhagavad Gita is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "The Vedas are the only holy books Hindus should follow."  
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 **shruti**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the varnas are out of date?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why the Upanishads are important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "All Hindus need to follow the teaching of the swami."  
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 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is **Ayodhya**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Hindus should worship God without a murti?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Hindus celebrate Navaratri. (8)
- (d) "The whole of life is a pilgrimage."  
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 **Durga Puja**? (2)
- (b) Do you think symbols help people to worship God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why pilgrimage to Varanasi is important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Arti is the most important form of Hindu worship."  
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 – LIVING THE HINDU LIFE

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 7 (a) What is **jnana yoga**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the grihastha ashrama (householder stage of life) is the only one which matters today?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why many Hindus think it is good to work for community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Hindu death rituals open the way to moksha."  
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 **vanaprastha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone should practise ahimsa?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how karma yoga and bhakti yoga are different. (8)
- (d) "All Hindu communities need a mandir."  
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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