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Edexcel GCSE

Religious Studies

Unit 13: Hinduism

Thursday 31 May 2012 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

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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 – BELIEF AND VALUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What is an **avatar**? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone has some goodness inside them?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some people prefer to use the term sanatan dharma rather than Hinduism. (8)
- (d) "Staying in samsara is more attractive than gaining 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 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What is **Brahman**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Krishna is the most important avatar of Vishnu?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Ganesha is important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Hindu avatars are not real."
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.

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- 3 (a) What is a **swami**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Vedas are the most important sacred texts?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why gurus are important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "People should follow their conscience, not their Varnashramadharma."
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 the **Bhagavad Gita**? (2)
- (b) Do you think swamis are important?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the Upanishads are important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "The rules set out in the manusmriti are out of date."
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 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What is a **mur**ti? (2)
- (b) Do you think symbols are essential in Hindu worship?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Varanasi is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Hindus do not need to go on 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 **arti**? (2)
- (b) Do you think it is important for Hindus to worship in temples?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Hindus celebrate Holi. (8)
- (d) "Divali is the most important Hindu festival."
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.

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- 7 (a) What is **grihastha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Hindus should work for community cohesion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the sannyasa ashrama is important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Death rituals are essential to achieve liberation."
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 a **mandir**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all married couples should have children?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how **one** Hindu organisation helps to relieve suffering in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Bhakti (devotion) yoga is the best way to liberation."
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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