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Religious Studies

Unit 13: Hinduism

Wednesday 7 June 2017 – Afternoon
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 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 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

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 the **atman**? (2)
- (b) Do you think samsara is real?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why shakti is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Hindu avatars 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 1 = 24 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) Who is **Shiva**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the story of Ganesha is important for Hindus today?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why karma is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Krishna is the most important deity."
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 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3** (a) What is **shruti**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Upanishads are important for Hindus?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why one Hindu group or movement is important for its members. (8)
- (d) "Caste has nothing to do with Hinduism."
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 that Hindus need priests?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the varnas are important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "All Hindus should follow 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)

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SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

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- 5** (a) What is **Ayodhya**? (2)
- (b) Do you think worshipping at home is important for Hindus?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Hindus celebrate Holi. (8)
- (d) "The river Ganges is sacred."
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 **puja**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Hindus should take part in the pilgrimage to Vrindavan?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why celebrating Navaratri is important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Hindus should worship in a temple."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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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 **jnana yoga**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the householder stage of life is the only stage of life that matters?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Hindu organisations work to relieve poverty and suffering in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Cremation is better than burial."
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 Hindu death rituals should be followed in the modern world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why karma yoga is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "All Hindus must complete the sannyasa ashrama."
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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