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Religious Studies A  
PAPER 2: Area of Study 2 – Study of Second Religion  
Option 2E – Hinduism

Thursday 16 May 2024 – Afternoon

Time: 50 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

Surname					
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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Nil**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Nil**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer ALL questions.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.**

## **INFORMATION**

**The total mark for this paper is 51.**

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.**

**The question labelled with an **ASTERISK (\*)** is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on this question with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.**

**The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.**

**ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.**

**Try to answer every question.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

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**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Question 1: Beliefs and Teachings**

- 1 (a) Outline THREE Hindu beliefs about the four aims of life.  
(3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO Hindu teachings about Lakshmi.  
(4 marks)**

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**(c) Explain TWO Hindu teachings about knowledge.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.**

**(5 marks)**

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

**\*(d) “Saguna Brahman is the best way to understand the Divine.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.**

**In your response you must:**

- **refer to Hindu teachings**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

**(15 marks)**

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**(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)**

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## Question 2: Practices

- 2 (a) Outline THREE purposes of pilgrimage for Hindus.  
(3 marks)

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why Hindus may perform arti. (4 marks)**

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- (c) Explain TWO reasons why Hindus may use different representations of the Divine in worship.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.**

**(5 marks)**

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**(d) “Supporting charities is an essential part of Hindu life.”**

**Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.**

**In your response you must:**

- **refer to Hindu teachings**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

**(12 marks)**

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**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS**  
**END OF PAPER**