

Religious Studies B

PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Religion and Ethics

Option 1E – Hinduism

Total Marks

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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

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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.

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INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 102.

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 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.

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

Question 1: Hindu Beliefs

- 1 (a) Outline THREE beliefs about the gunas.
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why
varnashrama dharma may be
important for Hindus.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO Hindu beliefs about Nirguna Brahman.

**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) “To attain moksha, a person cannot rely on their instincts.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

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

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)

Question 2: Marriage and the Family

- 2 (a) Outline THREE purposes of the family for Hindus.
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**(b) Explain TWO Hindu responses to non-religious attitudes towards family planning.
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(c) Explain TWO Hindu beliefs about the equality of men and women in the family.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “Marriage is the most important part of Hindu life.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

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

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Question 3: Living the Hindu Life

- 3 (a) Outline **THREE** ways Holi is celebrated.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why shrines are important for Hindus.
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(c) Explain TWO reasons why Hindus may regard some rivers as important.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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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) “All Hindus have a duty to care for sacred places.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

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

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Question 4: Matters of Life and Death

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** Hindu teachings that support the existence of life after death.
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(b) Explain TWO ways Hindus may respond to the theory of evolution. (4 marks)

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(c) Explain TWO Hindu teachings about the sanctity of life.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “Euthanasia is wrong.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Hindu teachings**
- **refer to non-religious points of view**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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