

Religious Studies B  
PAPER 2: Area of Study 2 – Religion,  
Peace and Conflict  
Option 2E – Hinduism

Total Marks
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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**

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**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 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.**

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**INFORMATION continued.**

**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.**

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

## Question 1: Hindu Beliefs

- 1 (a) Outline **THREE** Hindu beliefs about the cycle of the ages (yugas).  
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**(b) Explain TWO teachings  
about Bhagavan.  
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**(c) Explain TWO Hindu teachings about the cycle of samsara.**

**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) “Hindus focus mainly on male deities.”**

**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 2: Crime and Punishment

- 2 (a) Outline **THREE** Hindu teachings about forgiveness.  
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why Hindus may regard punishment as justice. (4 marks)**

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**(c) Explain TWO Hindu responses to the causes of crime.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “When people suffer, it is a result of their own actions.”**

**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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## Question 3: Living the Hindu Life

- 3 (a) Outline **THREE** ways Hindus show they care for the environment.  
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**(b) Explain TWO ways japa may  
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**(c) Explain TWO reasons why Hindus may worship in different places.**

**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) “Hindus have a duty to promote social inclusion.”**

**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: Peace and Conflict

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** Hindu teachings about a Just War.  
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**(b) Explain TWO ways Hindus respond to the problems caused by conflict. (4 marks)**

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**(c) Explain TWO reasons why Hindus would oppose the use of weapons of mass destruction.**

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.  
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**(d) “A Hindu should always work for peace.”**

**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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