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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 International GCSE (9–1)

Thursday 16 May 2024

Afternoon (Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes)

Paper reference **4RS1/2C**

Religious Studies

PAPER 2: The Religious Community

Option 2C – Hinduism

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 **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 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

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

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

- 1** (a) Outline **two** roles performed by the pujari.

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- (b) Explain the influence of **either** Sri Ramakrishna **or** Mahatma Gandhi on the development of modern Hinduism.

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(c) "Rama and Krishna provide the best guide to living the Hindu life."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

- 2 (a) Outline **two** practices associated with pilgrimage to Varanasi.

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- (b) Explain how Diwali may be celebrated by Hindus.

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(c) "Navaratri is the most important Hindu festival."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
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- a balanced conclusion.

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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** internal features of a Hindu temple.

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(b) Explain the importance of visual imagery in Hindu worship.

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(c) "Temples are essential for Hindu communities."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
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