
HINDUISM

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Paper 1

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3 hours

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** section.

Read the questions **carefully**. Try to understand exactly what is being asked of you.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions in this paper carry 20 marks.



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Answer any **five** questions, choosing at least **one** from each section.

Section A

- 1 Explore the idea that the ancient Vedic gods have no significance for Hindus in the modern world.
- 2 'The cosmic significance of sacrifice in the Purusha Sukta is lost in the Brahmanas.'
Discuss.
- 3 'In the Katha Upanishad the pupil is as important as the teacher.'
Discuss.

Section B

- 4 'The Bhagavad Gita presents ethical ideals to which every Hindu can aspire.'
Discuss.
- 5 Critically assess the claim that both Yudhistira and Duryodhana are only following their dharma.
- 6 Explore the significance of the Ramayana stories of Lakshmana and Bharata.

Section C

- 7 'Many and diverse singers – one liberating theme.'

Evaluate this view of the aims and achievements of the Alvars.

- 8 Assess the view that Surdasa's songs display his spiritual journey.

- 9 'From the court to the cottage ...'

Explore different reasons for the popularity of Tulsidasa's writings in his own time and today.

Section D

- 10 'Ramakrishna Paramahansa's religious experience was profoundly personal, but his teachings have lasting significance.'

Discuss.

- 11 'M K Gandhi's principle of satyagraha is his most important contribution to modern Hindu thought.'

Discuss.

- 12 Evaluate the claim that Indian reformers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries failed to respond to the challenges of the modern age.

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