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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet. Fill in the grid on the front page of the answer booklet to show which questions you have answered.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

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

Every question is marked out of 20.

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.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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Answer **one** question from **each** section plus **one** question.

### Section A

- 1 'The universe is nothing but the unending interplay of the three gunas.'  
Discuss this view in the light of the Samkhya understanding of causation and the gunas.
- 2 'Each of the eight limbs of Yoga is equally significant in leading to the ultimate goal.'  
Evaluate this view of Patanjali's system of Yoga.
- 3 'There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.'  
Discuss the view that Shankara ignores the moral distinction between good and bad actions.
- 4 'Ramanuja teaches devotion to a personal God whereas Shankara teaches dedication to a personal Absolute.'  
Is this a fair representation of their respective forms of Vedanta?

### Section B

- 5 'The Noble Eight-fold Path has no meaning without the ultimate goal of Nirvana.'  
Discuss.
- 6 'The Kaivalya of Jainism and the Moksha of orthodox Hinduism are totally different.'  
Evaluate this statement.
- 7 'There is no difference between the Theravada Buddhist doctrine on anatta and the orthodox Hindu teaching on atman.'  
Discuss.
- 8 'Mahavira's teaching could be summed up in the word Ahimsa.'  
Discuss this view of Jainism.

**Section C**

- 9 'Shiva is represented by the letter M of AUM(*Om*) and represents the primeval cause into which all things dissolve and out of which they arise.'

To what extent is this an adequate view of the nature of Lord Shiva?

- 10 Compare the main images and attributes of the shaktis Lakshmi and Kali as expressions of their consorts.
- 11 Discuss the significance and symbolism in the spiritual life of Hindus of the half-brothers Ganesha and Kartikeya.

**Section D**

- 12 'The different dharmas of the four varnas are adequate justification for the maintenance of the caste system.'

Discuss.

- 13 'The law of karma and the Hindu doctrine of rebirth are incompatible with the concept of free will.'

Discuss.

- 14 'Each of the four purusharthas is of equal significance.'

To what extent is this an accurate interpretation of Hindu teaching?

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