

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Hinduism

G577

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

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Morning

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **70**.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the importance of the Vedas for Hindus. [25]
(b) To what extent might the Vedas be considered the foundation of Hindu theology? [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the origins of the varnashramadharma system with reference to the Purusha Sukta. [25]
(b) 'The Purusha Sukta is just a myth.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain why Hindus might worship Ganesha. [25]
(b) 'Ganesha is worshipped first, so he must be the most important deity.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Explain the relationship between Brahma, Vishnu and Siva. [25]
(b) 'Brahma is the least important member of the trimurti.' Discuss. [10]



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