

**Tuesday 17 January 2012 – Morning**

**AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**G577**      Hinduism

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the relationship between karma and samsara. [25]  
(b) 'Belief in karma forces people to behave well.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the concept of dharma within Hinduism. [25]  
(b) 'If all is maya then dharma is meaningless.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the importance of Saraswati for Hindus. [25]  
(b) 'Saraswati is easier to worship than Kali.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Compare attitudes to the deities of those following the jnana and bhakti paths. [25]  
(b) Assess the view that those on the bhakti path show more respect to the deities than those on the jnana path. [10]

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