



**Tuesday 13 May 2014 – Morning**

**AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**G577/01** Hinduism

**QUESTION PAPER**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 12 page Answer Booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Use black ink.
- Write the number of each question answered in the margin.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **TWO** questions.
- 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 concepts of monism, monotheism and polytheism in relation to Hindu beliefs. [25]  
(b) To what extent could it be argued that Hindus are polytheists? [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the bhakti path within Hinduism. [25]  
(b) 'The jnana path is more difficult to follow than the bhakti path.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the importance of shakti within Hinduism. [25]  
(b) 'Female deities are easier to worship than male deities.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Explain how and why Vishnu might be worshipped. [25]  
(b) Assess the view that Vishnu is the most important member of the trimurti. [10]



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