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CORE UNIT - RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CHRISTIANITY AND ONE MAJOR WORLD RELIGION: HINDUISM

PAPER 1

P.M. MONDAY, 22 May 2006

1 hour (of 1¼ hour examination)

Questions answered	Office use
Question 1 (Section A)	
Question 2 or 3 (Section B)	
TOTAL	40

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer Question 1 (Section A) **and** *either* Question 2 *or* Question 3 (Section B).

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. Use supplementary sheets when there is insufficient room in this booklet. Write your name at the top of each supplementary sheet, indicating clearly the number of the question you answer. Put the supplementary sheets inside this booklet.

You must hand in this answer booklet *separately* at the end of the examination.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication.

Your answers must be relevant and must make full use of the information given to be awarded full marks for a question.

You are reminded that you should always support your answers using your knowledge and understanding of the topic chosen.

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

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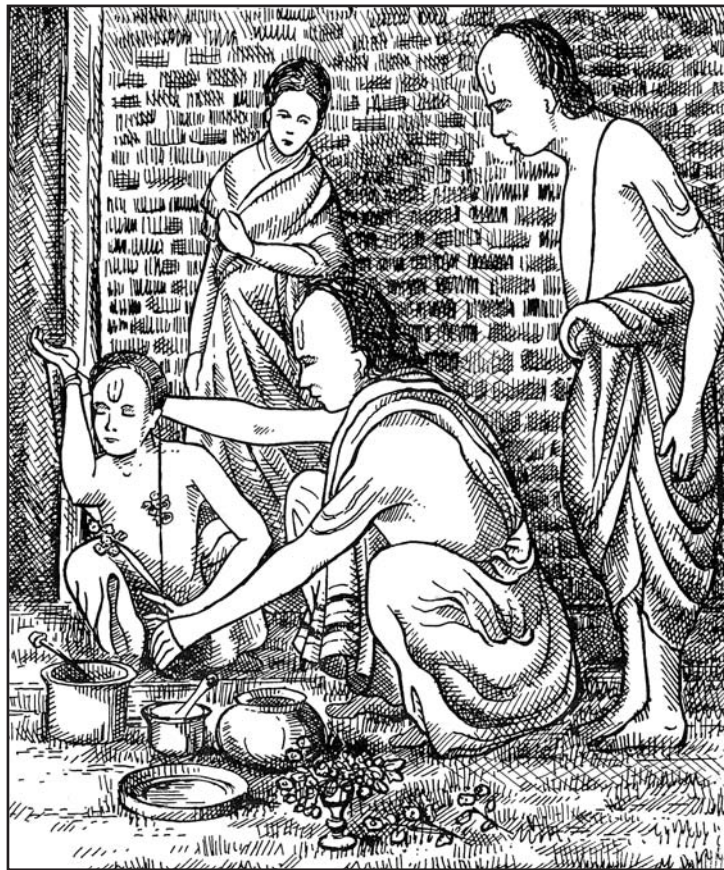
Answer Question 1 (Section A) and either Question 2 or Question 3 (Section B).

SECTION A

*Answer **all** parts of this question.*

1. Study Source A below and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A



[A Sacred Thread Ceremony]

(a) What are samskaras?

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(b) Describe what happens during one of the early samskaras.

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(c) Explain the importance of children to Hindus.

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Study Source B below and then answer the questions which follow.

Source B

‘Rites of passage are performed to emphasise the closeness of people to their family and to their religion. This applies throughout a person’s life, starting at birth and leading to coming of age, marriage and finally, death.’

(d) Explain why rites of passage are important to Christians.

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SECTION B

Answer **either** Question 2 or Question 3.

2. Look at the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

INFORMATION
A painting showing Jesus on the cross

(a) Describe the ways in which Christians celebrate Easter.

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(b) Explain why many Christians believe that Easter is the most important Christian festival. [4]

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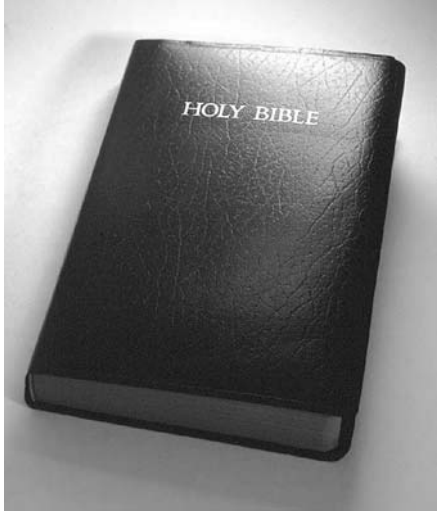
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(c) 'Divali is no longer as important to many Hindus in Britain as it used to be.'
What arguments could be given for and against this view? Explain your answer fully. [8]

Dotted lines for writing the answer.

3. Look at the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

INFORMATION
A Christian Bible


(a) Describe the treatment and use of the Bible in worship. [4]

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(b) Explain the importance of the Bible to Christians. [4]

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