



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
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**Religious Studies** **405013**  
**(Specification A)**  
**Religious Studies**  
**(Specification A) (Short Course)**

**Unit 13** Hinduism

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**Part B**

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Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of the answer booklet.

There are 24 marks for each question.

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**EITHER****B5 Key Beliefs and Personal Duties**

**B5 (a)** Explain the meaning of dharma **and** artha as aims in life for Hindus. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (b)** 'Moksha should be the main goal for all Hindus.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (c)** Describe how Hindus perform death rites, including the shraddha ceremony. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (d)** 'The most important duty for all Hindus is to perform death rites.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

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Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5

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**OR**

**B6 Pilgrimage and Festivals**

**B6 (a)** Describe what happens at the Kumbh Mela. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (b)** 'Pilgrimages are more important than festivals for Hindus.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (c)** Explain the importance of the River Ganges and Varanasi for Hindus. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (d)** 'Hindus do not need to visit sacred places to follow their faith.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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