

Teacher Resource Bank

GCSE Religious Studies (Specification A)

Additional Specimen Questions:

Unit 13 *Hinduism*

- The Four Aims of Life and Worship



PART B

There are 24 marks for each question.

B The Four Aims of Life and Worship

(a) Outline the **four** aims of life in Hinduism. *(6 marks)*

(b) 'Most Hindus aim for a better reincarnation, rather than freedom from reincarnation.'

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

(c) Explain the main features of Hindu mandirs (temples). *(6 marks)*

(d) 'Temples are essential for Hindu worship.'

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



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Additional SPECIMEN Mark Scheme
The Four Aims of Life and Worship

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B The Four Aims of Life and Worship**(a) Outline the four aims of life in Hinduism.****Target: Knowledge and understanding of the four aims of life**

Levels	Criteria	Marks
0	Nothing relevant or worthy of credit.	0 marks
Level 1	Something relevant or worthy of credit.	1 mark
Level 2	Elementary knowledge and understanding, e.g. two simple points.	2 marks
Level 3	Sound knowledge and understanding.	3 marks
Level 4	A clear knowledge and understanding with some development and / or analysis.	4 marks
Level 5	A detailed answer with some development and / or analysis.	5 marks
Level 6	A full and coherent answer showing good development and / or analysis.	6 marks

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Dharma

Fulfilling social and religious duties and prescribed by related to stage in life and caste status / following the ethical principles of ahimsa and all aspects of life / doing good deeds.

Arta

Material wealth and prosperity / making an honest livelihood that benefits family and the rest of society / having ambition and being successful in the material sense / creating a material environment which supports and sustains all forms of life in a beneficial way.

Kama

The pursuit of love and sexual pleasure / enjoyment of the senses, especially all forms of art and music / appreciation of beauty.

Moksha

The aim of liberation from samsara / development of spiritual knowledge / to attain union of the self with Brahman.

(6 marks) AO1

- (b) **‘Most Hindus aim for a better reincarnation, rather than freedom from reincarnation.’**

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hinduism in your answer.

Target: Evaluation of the four aims of life

Level	Criteria	Marks	Quality of Written Communication
0	Unsupported opinion or no relevant evaluation.	0 marks	The candidate’s presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar seriously obstruct understanding.
Level 1	Opinion supported by simple reason.	1 mark	The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form. The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are sometimes obstructive.
Level 2	Opinion supported by one developed reason or two simple reasons.	2 marks	
Level 3	Opinion supported by one well developed reason or several simple reasons. N.B. Candidates who make no religious comment should not achieve more than Level 3.	3 marks	The candidate presents relevant information in a way which assists with the communication of meaning. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate not to obscure meaning.
Level 4	Opinion supported by two developed reasons with reference to religion.	4 marks	
Level 5	Evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view, showing informed insights and knowledge and understanding of religion.	5 marks	The candidate presents relevant information coherently, employing structure and style to render meaning clear. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate to render meaning clear.
Level 6	A well-argued response, with evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view showing informed insights and ability to apply knowledge and understanding of religion effectively.	6 marks	

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Agree

The majority of Hindus attempt to gain a good rebirth by accumulating good karma which will affect their future rebirth / a good rebirth is a realistic and possible goal as long as their social and religious responsibilities / the aim of moksha is too demanding and difficult as it requires withdrawing from work and family life and becoming a holy man.

Other views

The aim of liberation from reincarnation is a more challenging aim / it is the ultimate aim of all Hindus / a better reincarnation is a short term goal whereas freedom from reincarnation birth is a long term goal / every good deed they perform contributes to this / many Hindus do aspire to moksha (freedom from reincarnation) and see the way of good deeds as a means to this / it is possible to combine spiritual development, knowledge and meditation with their daily lives which will eventually lead to self realisation and the goal of liberation.

(6 marks) AO2

(c) Explain the main features of Hindu mandirs (temples).**Target: Knowledge and understanding of the design of Hindu temples**

Levels	Criteria	Marks
0	Nothing relevant or worthy of credit.	0 marks
Level 1	Something relevant or worthy of credit.	1 mark
Level 2	Elementary knowledge and understanding, e.g. two simple points.	2 marks
Level 3	Sound knowledge and understanding.	3 marks
Level 4	A clear knowledge and understanding with some development and / or analysis.	4 marks
Level 5	A detailed answer with some development and / or analysis.	5 marks
Level 6	A full and coherent answer showing good development and / or analysis.	6 marks

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Mandirs are beautiful dwelling places for the deities / shaped like mountains / main innermost shrine (Garba griha) where the image of the deities (murtis) are installed / Shikhara: tower or spire above the murti / Mandapa: a pillared walk way towards the main shrine / entrance with guardian animal or vehicle of the deities / Gopuram: large gateway and other wall found in south India.

(6 marks) AO1

(d) 'Temples are essential for Hindu worship.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hinduism in your answer.

Target: Evaluation of whether temples are essential for Hindu worship

Level	Criteria	Marks	Quality of Written Communication
0	Unsupported opinion or no relevant evaluation.	0 marks	The candidate's presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar seriously obstruct understanding.
Level 1	Opinion supported by simple reason.	1 mark	The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form. The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are sometimes obstructive.
Level 2	Opinion supported by one developed reason or two simple reasons.	2 marks	
Level 3	Opinion supported by one well developed reason or several simple reasons. N.B. Candidates who make no religious comment should not achieve more than Level 3.	3 marks	The candidate presents relevant information in a way which assists with the communication of meaning. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate not to obscure meaning.
Level 4	Opinion supported by two developed reasons with reference to religion.	4 marks	
Level 5	Evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view, showing informed insights and knowledge and understanding of religion.	5 marks	The candidate presents relevant information coherently, employing structure and style to render meaning clear. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate to render meaning clear.
Level 6	A well-argued response, with evidence of reasoned consideration of two different points of view showing informed insights and ability to apply knowledge and understanding of religion effectively.	6 marks	

Candidates may include some of the following points:

Agree

Temples provide opportunities for congregational worship and celebration of important festivals / temples preserve and maintain sacred rituals and train temple priests / visits to temples enable the Hindus to demonstrate their devotion and make special offerings to their chosen deity and ask special favours of them / many blessings and good karma comes from worship in temples / some rituals such as bhajans and yajna need temple priests to lead or perform them.

Other views

In Hinduism, God is ever present in all forms of life and is in a river or tree as much as the temple worship / it is possible to worship God everywhere and anywhere / the home is also essential to worship and there is a shrine in every home / there is no need for temples, they are optional extras for the very devout Hindus and not really necessary.

(6 marks) AO2