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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION C) 3063/8/3
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION C) (SHORT COURSE)
Paper 3 Hinduism

Wednesday 23 May 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

You will need no other materials.
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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers to Parts A and B in the spaces provided in this booklet.
- Write your answers to Part C on the continuation sheets at the end of this booklet.
- If you use any additional sheets, tie them loosely to the back of this booklet.
- Do all rough work in this booklet or on the continuation sheets. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
Three of these marks will be awarded for the Quality of Written Communication.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.
- Pages 9 and 10 are perforated. You may remove these pages if you wish.

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Question	Mark	Question	Mark
A1		B5	
A2		C6	
A3		C7	
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PART A

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

A1 Symbols

(a) Explain the meaning of Om (Aum) to Hindus.

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(2 marks)

(b) What does the swastika mean to Hindus?

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A2 Ideas about the Nature of God

(a) Explain the Hindu concept of atman.

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(b) What do Hindus believe about Shakti?

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A3 Beliefs

Explain why the cow is sacred for Hindus.

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PART B

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

B4 Popular Deities and the Family

Look at these pictures of popular deities.

(i)



(ii)



(iii)



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(a) Name the **three** popular deities shown above.

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(b) Explain what Hindus believe about Brahman.

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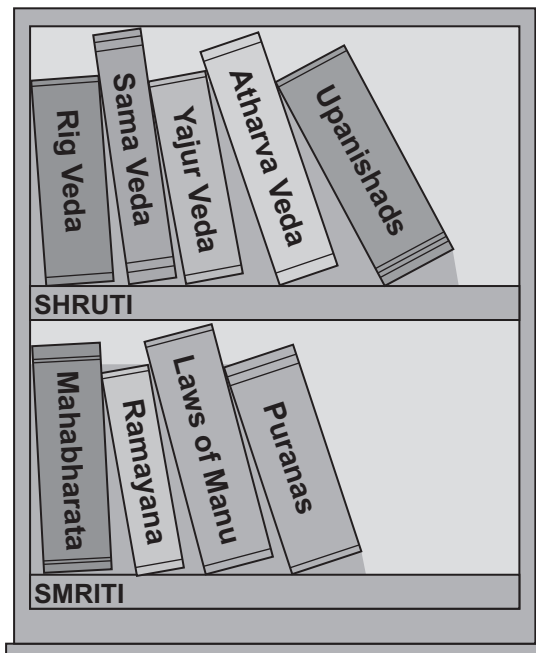
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B5 Hindu Scriptures and their Teachings

Look at this picture.



(a) Explain the differences between shruti and smriti scriptures.

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(b) Explain why varna is still very strong in India.

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(c) In the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna teaches Arjuna about the duties of caste. Explain why Arjuna had to fight during the great battle.

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(d) ‘Hindu scriptures have no relevance to life today.’

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

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PART C

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Answer **all** questions in this part on pages 11 to 16.

Each question carries 20 marks.

C6 Worship, Wealth and Poverty, and Prejudice

- (a) Describe how Hindus worship at the family shrine. *(8 marks)*
- (b) Explain Hindu attitudes to wealth and poverty. *(7 marks)*
- (c) ‘Men are superior to women in Hinduism.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

C7 Life and Death

- (a) Describe death rites for Hindus. *(7 marks)*
- (b) Choose **two** of the following:
- (i) abortion
 - (ii) suicide
 - (iii) euthanasia.

Explain Hindu attitudes to **each** of the **two** terms you have chosen. *(8 marks)*

- (c) ‘Death is not the only escape from suffering.’

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. *(5 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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