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**SECTION 1: BELIEFS AND VALUES**

You must answer ONE question from this section. Write your answer in the spaces provided.

**EITHER**

1. (a) What is **tamas**? (2)
- (b) Outline Hindu beliefs about Ganesha. (6)
- (c) Explain why moksha (liberation) is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) *‘It is better to worship Brahman directly than to worship avatars.’*  
 Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

**Q1**

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**OR**

2. (a) What is the **trimurti**? (2)
- (b) Outline Hindu beliefs about the gunas. (6)
- (c) Explain why Krishna is important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) *‘We are who we are. There’s no point in trying to change ourselves.’*  
 Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Hinduism. (4)

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**SECTION 2: COMMUNITY AND TRADITION**

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- 3. (a) What is *bhakti*? (2)**
- (b) Outline Hindu beliefs about the Upanishads. (6)
- (c) Explain why Hindu attitudes to caste are changing. (8)
- (d) ‘*Gurus are no longer needed.*’
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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**OR**

- 4. (a) What is *jati*? (2)**
- (b) Outline the role of swamis. (6)
- (c) Explain why *smriti* (remembered) literature is important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) ‘*All humans are born equal.*’
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Hinduism. (4)

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**SECTION 3: WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**

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5. (a) What is *yatra*? (2)
- (b) Outline how Hindus celebrate Holi. (6)
- (c) Explain why Vrindavan is important for some Hindus. (8)
- (d) *‘It is better to worship in a temple than to worship at home.’*  
 Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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**OR**

6. (a) What is *prashad*? (2)
- (b) Outline how puja is practised in the home. (6)
- (c) Explain why Hindus celebrate the festival of Divali. (8)
- (d) *‘Every journey is a pilgrimage.’*  
 Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Hinduism. (4)

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**SECTION 4: LIVING THE HINDU LIFE**

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7. (a) What is **raja yoga**? (2)
- (b) Outline the duties of a Hindu during the first stage of life (brahmacharya). (6)
- (c) Explain why the naming ceremony is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) *‘Jnana (knowledge) yoga is the best way to liberation.’*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

**Q7**

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**OR**

8. (a) What are **samskars**? (2)
- (b) Outline the practice of bhakti yoga. (6)
- (c) Explain why non-violence (ahimsa) is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) *‘Nobody can live as a wandering holy man (sannyasin) in the modern world.’*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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**SECTION 5: OPTIONS EXTENDED WRITING**

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You are advised to spend 30 minutes on this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON THE QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

**9. A Place of Hindu Worship**

- (a) Outline the role of the mandir in the local community. (4)
- (b) Explain how the features of a mandir reflect Hindu beliefs. (8)
- (c) *‘All Hindus should worship in the same way.’*

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.

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**Q9**

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**OR**

**10. Hindus and Respect for Life**

- (a) Outline Hindu beliefs about vegetarianism. (4)
- (b) Explain why non-violence was so important to M K Gandhi. (8)
- (c) *‘Ahimsa doesn’t work outside the Hindu world.’*

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.

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