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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**

**(Total 20 marks)**

**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)

**Q2**

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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)

**Q3**

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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)

**Q4**

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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)

**Q5**

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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)

**Q6**

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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)

Q8

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