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Unit M (5585/5586) Hinduism

1(a)	What is tamas?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)	Correct answer:	2
	• The guna of ignorance, or similar phrase.	
	Partially correct answers could be:	1
	A guna	
	Ignorance	
	Darkness	
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

1(b)		Outline Hindu beliefs about Ganesha.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
 elephant. He helps to remove obstacles from of He is the doorkeeper of the universe He is the author of the Vedas. He is accompanied by a rat. 		 He is the first son of Lord Shiva. His head was removed by Shiva and replaced with that of an elephant. He helps to remove obstacles from one's life. He is the doorkeeper of the universe. He is the author of the Vedas.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One correct belief
Level 2	4	Two correct beliefs
		Or one belief developed
Level 3	6	Three correct beliefs
		OR two developed beliefs

1(c)		Explain why moksha (liberation) is important for Hindus.
Question Number Indicative content		Indicative content
1(c) The • • • • • • • •		 It represents the fulfilment of all one's karmic and spiritual efforts.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	one reasonor a description
Level 2	4	two reasonsOR one developed reason
Level 3	6	 Three reasons OR one reason and one developed reason OR one fully developed reason
Level 4	8	 Four reasons OR two developed reasons OR one fully developed reason and one basic reason OR one comprehensive explanation

1(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.
Question	Number	Indicative content
1(d)	Rumber	Reasons for supporting this statement could be:
1(0)		 There is a danger that worshipping avatars could become an end in itself
		 worshipping avatars is a distraction from or barrier to attaining moksha
		Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:
		 Avatars are an important means by which humans can focus their worship on various aspects of Brahman
		Devotion to avatars helps working towards moksha
		If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	• Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each view
		• OR One point of view with more than one supporting reason
Level 3	3	• Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view:
		EITHED showing clearly which they think is the stronger point of
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2(a)	What is the trimurti?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	 Correct answer: The three deities - or similar phrase Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. 	2
	Partially correct answers could be:Any one or two of Brahma, Vishnu and ShivaThe Hindu Gods	
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

2(b)		Outline Hindu beliefs about the gunas.	
Question	Number	Indicative content	
 The nature of people and things is dictated by the propute the three gunas therein. They are sattva (goodness), rajas (passion) and tamas of They bind the atman to samsara. One's actions in this life affect one's future gunic make of the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer is the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer is the levels. 		• They are sattva (goodness), rajas (passion) and tamas (darkness).	
Level	Mark	Descriptor	
Level 1	2	One correct belief	
Level 2	4	Two correct beliefsOR one developed belief	
Level 3	6	 Three correct beliefs OR one developed belief plus another correct belief OR one fully developed belief 	

2(c)		Explain why Krishna is important for many Hindus.
Question I	Number Indicative content	
2(c)		 The main reasons are: He is one of the most popular avatars of Lord Vishnu. Devotion to Krishna is a way to moksha He is believed to have the power to overcome evil and bring harmony to the world His teachings are contained in the Bhagavad Gita As Ishvara Krishna he is important to many bhakti yogins/groups The devotion shown to him by Radha and the gopis is an example to all Hindus of how God should be worshipped. Answers which only describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 2. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One simple reasonOR an answer giving knowledge only
Level 2	4	Two or more simple reasonsOR one reason with an explanation
Level 3	6	 One simple and one explained reason OR one reason with a developed explanation
Level 4	8	 At least two explained reasons OR one reason with a comprehensive explanation

2(d) Question Number 2(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. Indicative content Reasons for supporting this statement could be: Our nature is dictated by the karmic effects of previous lives and is, therefore, beyond our control If we try to change ourselves, we would just have to repeat things in our next life Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Despite the fact that we carry a 'karmic burden' we have the freedom, indeed the duty, to improve ourselves by our choices and actions Some forms of Hinduism teach that karma can be overcome in this life
		If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	 Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each view OR One point of view with more than one supporting reason
Level 3	3	• Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	 Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view: EITHER showing clearly which they think is the stronger point of view OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.

3(a)	What is bhakti ?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	Correct answer:	2
	Devotion to the deity	
	• Love for the deity or similar phrase	
	Partially correct answers could be:A type of yogaDevotion	1
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

3(b)		Outline Hindu beliefs about the Upanishads.
Question Number Indicative content		Indicative content
3(b)		 They are regarded as sruti They are important because they explain the Vedas They are traditionally taught by gurus to their select students. They deal with the nature of Brahman The deal with origin of the universe They deal with the nature and destiny of the atman Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One correct fact
Level 2	4	Two correct factsOR one developed fact
Level 3	6	 Three correct facts OR one developed fact plus another correct fact OR one fully developed fact

3(c)		Explain why Hindu attitudes to caste are changing.
	Question Number Indicative content	
3(c)		 The main reasons are: Traditional occupational divisions do not relate easily to the demands of modern industry It is difficult to observe caste divisions in the urban environment Discrimination by caste is forbidden by Indian law Many Hindu reformers have spoken out against various aspects of the caste system Some important Hindu sects reject the idea of caste divisions Many Hindus born and/or living outside India see caste as an irrelevance Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One simple reasonOR an answer giving knowledge only
Level 2	4	Two or more simple reasonsOR one reason with an explanation
Level 3	6	 One simple and one explained reason OR one reason with a developed explanation
Level 4	8	 At least two explained reasons OR one reason with a comprehensive explanation

3(d)		'Gurus are no longer needed.'
		Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.
Question	Number	Indicative content
-		Reasons for supporting this statement could be:
3(d)		 Improvements in education and communications mean that personal gurus are no longer necessary to interpret and impart ancient wisdom to individuals Personal relationships between guru and learner are no longer practical Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Gurus will always have enormous importance because of their deep learning and spirituality Everyone needs a guide to moksha If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to
		review.
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Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	• Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each view
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Level 3	3	• Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	 Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view: EITHER showing clearly which they think is the stronger point of
		 view OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.

4(a)	What is jati ?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)	 Correct answer: The subgroup of the varnas (which defines occupation), or similar phrase. 	2
	Partially correct answers could be:A casteOccupation	1
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

4(b)		Outline the role of swamis.
Question Number Indicative content		Indicative content
 tradition They may set up ashrams or colleges where people can stuct and/or meditate. They may behave as exemplars to other Hindus Other approaches are possible and must be marked accordin the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it results and the state of the validity of an answer. 		 They give advice and teaching about sacred texts and the Hindu tradition They may set up ashrams or colleges where people can study and/or meditate.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One correct role
Level 2	4	Two correct rolesOR one developed role
Level 3	6	 Three correct roles OR one developed role plus another correct role OR one fully developed role

4(c)		Explain why smriti (remembered) literature is important for many Hindus.
Question	Number	Indicative content
4(c)		 The main reasons are: It provides Hindus with guidance regarding correct conduct It communicates the ideals and values of Hinduism It is the basis of Hindu art and cultural expression It contains references to very popular and revered deities The heroes and heroines are exemplars for all Hindus It contains philosophical and spiritual wisdom Answers which only describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 2. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One simple reasonOR an answer giving knowledge only
Level 2	4	Two or more simple reasonsOR one reason with an explanation
Level 3	6	 One simple and one explained reason OR one reason with a developed explanation
Level 4	8	 At least two explained reasons OR one reason with a comprehensive explanation

4(d)		(All humans are harn aqual ?
4(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.
Question	Number	Indicative content
4(d)		Reasons for supporting this statement could be:
		 Humans are born morally equal because they have not done anything wrong
		It is a teaching of some Hindu schools
		Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:
		• The belief in karma would suggest that all humans are at different
		stages on the journey to moksha and are, therefore, not equal.
		 Differences in social and economic position are clear for us all to see.
		If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must cond to
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Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	• Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each
		view
		OR One point of view with more than one supporting reason
Level 3	3	• Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view:
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		• OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.

5(a)	What is yatra ?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)	Correct answers:	2
	• (Hindu) pilgrimage	
	Partially correct answers could be:Visiting holy places	1
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

5(b)		Outline how Hindus celebrate Holi.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
 Throwing coloured powders and water over one another Some rules are broken Caste and rank barriers are suspended Family visits are made and sweets and good wishes exchar Other approaches are possible and must be marked according the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it 		 Lighting and circumambulating bonfires Sharing coconut, grains and chick peas offered as prashad Throwing coloured powders and water over one another Some rules are broken
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One correct feature
Level 2	4	Two correct featuresOR one developed feature
Level 3	6	 Three correct features OR one developed feature plus another correct feature OR one fully developed feature

5(c)		Explain why Vrindavan is important for some Hindus.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
5(c)		 The main reasons are: It is believed that Lord Krishna lived there It is one of the most sacred sites of Hindu pilgrimage in India It is on the banks of the sacred River Jumna, which is a tributary of the Ganges For Vaishnavites any site associated with Vishnu's avatars is sacred Answers which only describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 2. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One simple reasonOR an answer giving knowledge only
Level 2	4	Two or more simple reasonsOR one reason with an explanation
Level 3	6	 One simple and one explained reason OR one reason with a developed explanation
Level 4	8	 At least two explained reasons OR one reason with a comprehensive explanation

5(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.
Question	Number	Indicative content
5(d)		 Reasons for supporting this statement could be: Temples are places of much deeper spiritual importance that domestic homes Temples provide a better atmosphere for prayer There are priests at temples to conduct important rituals Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: God is everywhere, so sincere worship is the same anywhere Home may provide a better atmosphere for prayer than a busy temple If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	 Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each view OR One point of view with more than one supporting reason
Level 3	3	• Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	 Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view: EITHER showing clearly which they think is the stronger point of view OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.

6(a)	What is prashad ?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	Correct answer: • Sacred food • Offerings which have been blessed Partially correct answers could be: • Offerings • Food Any alternative wording of the above points is	2
	acceptable.	

6(b)		Outline how puja is practised in the home.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
6(b)		 The main features include: Worshippers will bathe and dress in clean clothes A bell is rung and the deity invited to be present The deity is welcomed and offered water The deity is bathed and dressed Flowers are offered to the deity Incense is burnt The arti ceremony is performed Offerings of food (mainly) are made and shared as prashad Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One correct feature
Level 2	4	Two correct featuresOR one developed feature
Level 3	6	 Three correct features OR one developed feature plus another correct feature OR one fully developed feature

6(c)		Explain why Hindus celebrate the festival of Divali.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
6(c)		 The main reasons are: To celebrate the triumphant return of Rama and Sita It celebrates the defeat of evil and ignorance by goodness and wisdom It marks the beginning of the new year It is a time at which to start anew and/or review current ventures It may bring wealth via the Lakshmi puja In order that people, especially children, may exchange gifts Answers which only describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 2. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One simple reasonOR an answer giving knowledge only
Level 2	4	Two or more simple reasonsOR one reason with an explanation
Level 3	6	 One simple and one explained reason OR one reason with a developed explanation
Level 4	8	 At least two explained reasons OR one reason with a comprehensive explanation

6(d)		<i>'Every journey is a pilgrimage.'</i> Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Hinduism.
Question	Number	Indicative content
6(d)		 Reasons for supporting this statement could be: If we make all our actions an offering to God then even apparently mundane journeys could be made into pilgrimages God is everywhere, so wherever you journey to, is holy Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Pilgrimages should be long and challenging, not all journeys are The destination of a pilgrimage should be a sacred place, not all destinations are If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
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Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	 Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each view OR One point of view with more than one supporting reason
Level 3	3	Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	 Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view: EITHER showing clearly which they think is the stronger point of view OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.

What is raja yoga ?	
Answer	Mark
 Correct answer: The highest form of knowledge (involving mind, body, senses and soul) Partially correct answers could be: Royal yoga Any alternative wording of the above points is 	2
	Answer Correct answer: • The highest form of knowledge (involving mind, body, senses and soul) Partially correct answers could be: • Royal yoga

7(b)		Outline the duties of a Hindu during the first stage of life (brahmacharya).
Question Number		Indicative content
7(b)		 The main duties include: Study of the Vedas Following the example and teaching of a guru Leaving home, traditionally for a gurukula in the forest Remaining celibate Living a simple and well disciplined life Being truthful Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One correct duty
Level 2	4	Two correct dutiesOR one developed duty
Level 3	6	 Three correct duties OR one developed duty plus another correct duty OR one fully developed duty

7(c)		Explain why the naming ceremony is important for Hindus.
Question Number		Indicative content
7(c)		 The main reasons are: It is one of the sixteen samskars Its performance is part of one's varnashramadharma It represents the removal of pollution The child is given its correct name, via horoscope analysis The choice of name confers the characteristics of that name or associated deity upon the child Answers which only describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 2. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 1	2	One simple reasonOR an answer giving knowledge only
Level 2	4	Two or more simple reasonsOR one reason with an explanation
Level 3	6	 One simple and one explained reason OR one reason with a developed explanation
Level 4	8	 At least two explained reasons OR one reason with a comprehensive explanation

7(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.
Question Number		Indicative content
7(d)		Reasons for supporting this statement could be:
		 Knowing the true relationship between Brahman and atman brings liberation without recourse to avatars or the acquisition of karma Thinkers such as Shankara have declared this to be true
		Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:
		 All routes to liberation must be of equal value since their end- point is the same
		• Many great thinkers (e.g. Ramanuja) and sacred texts (e.g. the
		Bhagavad Gita) suggest that this is not the case
		If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to
		review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	• Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each view
		• OR One point of view with more than one supporting reason
Level 3	3	• Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view:
		• EITHER showing clearly which they think is the stronger point of view
		• OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.

What are samskars ?	
Answer	Mark
Correct answer:Rituals marking each new stage of life	2
 Partially correct answers could be: Rituals Ceremonies Sacraments Any alternative wording of the above points is 	1
	Answer Correct answer: Rituals marking each new stage of life Partially correct answers could be: Rituals Ceremonies Sacraments

8(b)		Outline the practice of bhakti yoga.
Question Number		Indicative content
8(b)		 The main features include: Loving and devoting oneself to a personal deity Keeping the name of the deity foremost in one's mind Chanting/singing Dancing Directing ritual/ceremony/offerings towards the deity Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	One correct feature
Level 2	4	Two correct featuresOR one developed feature
Level 3	6	 Three correct features OR one developed feature plus another correct feature OR one fully developed feature

8(c)		Explain why non-violence (ahimsa) is important for Hindus.
Question Number		Indicative content
8(c)		 The main reasons are: Brahman is within every living being, so every being should be respected Harming a living being will bring bad karma Ahimsa has been encouraged by many great Hindu leaders It is one of the principles which make up the sanatan dharma It is taught in many sacred texts The diet, occupation and/or moral choices of those who adhere to this principle are affected by it Answers which only describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 2. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 1	2	One simple reasonOR an answer giving knowledge only
Level 2	4	Two or more simple reasonsOR one reason with an explanation
Level 3	6	 One simple and one explained reason OR one reason with a developed explanation
Level 4	8	 At least two explained reasons OR one reason with a comprehensive explanation

8(d) Question Number 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. Indicative content Reasons for supporting this statement could be: It is not practical to walk from place to place and find people who are willing to provide shelter and alms In most cases it is necessary to have a permanent address and to
		 In most cases it is necessary to nave a permanent address and to be registered as a tax payer The modern world provides too many material distractions Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Many people are very willing to provide shelter and alms to people who command such respect If one registered as a resident at a religious community there is plenty of opportunity to travel around and teach/share worship The material distractions of today are no more tempting than those of the past If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
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Level 1	1	One point of view with a supporting reason
Level 2	2	 Two different points of view with one supporting reason for each view OR One point of view with more than one supporting reason
Level 3	3	• Two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view
Level 4	4	 Evaluation of two different points of view with more than one supporting reason for each view: EITHER showing clearly which they think is the stronger point of view OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.