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# Religious Studies

## Unit 6: Religion and life based on a study of Hinduism

Tuesday 17 May 2011 – Afternoon  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference  
**5RS06/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 1 (a) What does **bhakti** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think reading the Bhagavad Gita helps people to believe in God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "Miracles cannot happen today."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 2 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a religious upbringing makes children believe in God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain, with examples, how television programmes and/or radio programmes  
and/or films might affect a person's attitude to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Hindus do not have a problem with unanswered prayers."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

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## SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 3 (a) What is **euthanasia**? (2)
- (b) Do you agree that the media should be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some non-religious people believe in life after death. (8)
- (d) "The law on abortion should be changed."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 4 (a) What is **moksha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that euthanasia should be legal in the UK?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how one Hindu agency is trying to end world poverty. (8)
- (d) "Life after death is impossible."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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### SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What is **promiscuity**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that sex outside marriage is acceptable?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Hindus accept homosexuality and some do not. (8)
- (d) "A religious family is a happy family."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 6 (a) What is a **civil partnership**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Hindus should accept divorce?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how mandirs help to keep Hindu families together. (8)
- (d) "Contraception should be accepted by all Hindus."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 7 (a) What is meant by **discrimination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that women should have the same religious rights as men?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the government encourages community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Hindus should try to convert others to their religion."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8 (a) What is **religious freedom**? (2)
- (b) Do you think living in a multi-faith society causes problems for religious people?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why there are differences among Hindus in their attitudes to other religions. (8)
- (d) "Men and women are still not treated equally in the UK."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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