

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE)**

**2395/1**

Paper 5 Hinduism

**FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2008**

Afternoon  
Time: 1 hour

**Additional materials (enclosed):** None

**Additional materials (required):**  
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **43**.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

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Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.



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- 1 (a) Describe what Hindus might do at Dassehra (the tenth night of Durgapuja). [8]
- (b) Explain how taking part in Durgapuja might strengthen a Hindu community. [7]
- (c) 'Gods are more important than goddesses for Hindus.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

- 2 (a) Describe the samskaras (life ceremonies) which might take place when a Hindu baby is born. [8]
- (b) Explain how these samskaras might strengthen a Hindu family. [7]
- (c) 'Children should always obey their parents.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

- 3 (a) Describe what Hindus believe about life after death. [8]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might believe that following varnashramadharma will help them after they die. [7]
- (c) 'Rebirth is more important to Hindus than reaching moksha.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

- 4 (a) Describe what Hindus believe about Hanuman. [8]
- (b) Explain how the stories about Hanuman might help a Hindu. [7]
- (c) 'Hindus should follow the examples of the gods and goddesses.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

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