

Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations

General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE) 2395/1
PAPER 5 – Hinduism

Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials: Answer paper
Candidates answer on separate answer paper provided.

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

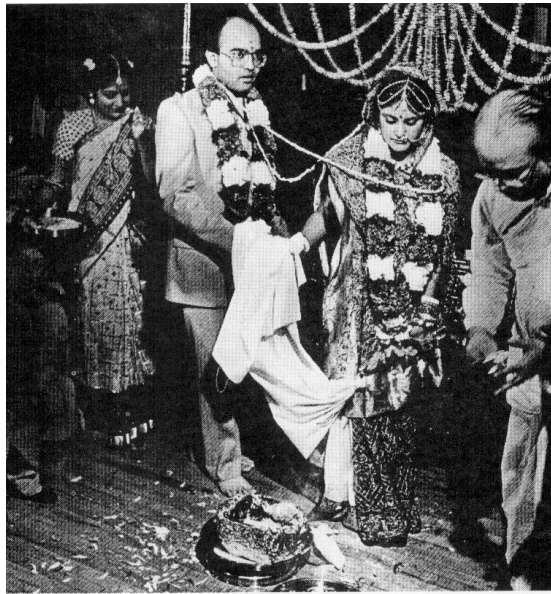
- Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks 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.

Answer question 1 and **one** other question.

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- (a) Describe what happens at a Hindu marriage ceremony. [8]
- (b) Explain how Hindu beliefs might help a couple in their married life. [7]
- (c) 'Parents should help their children choose a marriage partner.'

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]

- 2 (a) What do Hindus mean by samsara and karma? [8]
- (b) Explain how Hindus might try to gain good karma. [7]
- (c) 'Karma is a good explanation of why people suffer.'

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 the goddess Lakshmi and say why she is an important figure in Hinduism. [8]
- (b) Choose **one** other Hindu god and explain how worshipping this god might affect the life of a Hindu. [7]
- (c) 'It does not matter which god you worship.'

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]

- 4 (a) Describe how Hindus celebrate Navaratri. [8]
- (b) Explain how and why Hindus are influenced by their sacred writings. [7]
- (c) 'Religion needs modern stories to interest people today.'

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]

