



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

Paper 5 Hinduism

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

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Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

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 **64**.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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



- 1 (a) Describe a Hindu funeral. [8]
- (b) Explain how believing in samsara might affect the way a Hindu lives. [7]
- (c) 'Believing in reincarnation is just wishful thinking.'

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) Describe how a Hindu might perform puja (worship). [8]
- (b) Explain the symbolism of the objects used in worship. [7]
- (c) 'Hindus do not need to perform puja.'

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

- 3 (a) Describe how Hindus celebrate the festival of Holi. [8]
- (b) Explain how celebrating festivals can teach Hindus how to live. [7]
- (c) 'The gods do not always behave well.'

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 what Hindus believe about ahimsa. [8]
- (b) Explain how Hindus might put teachings about ahimsa into practice in their lives. [7]
- (c) 'People are more important than animals.'

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]

- 5 (a) Describe what Hindus believe about the Vedas. [8]
- (b) Explain why the Vedas are important to some Hindus. [7]
- (c) 'Hinduism could not exist without the sacred writings.'

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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