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**GCSE**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
SPECIFICATION A  
UNIT 6: Hinduism**

P.M. TUESDAY, 21 May 2013

1 hour 45 minutes

Examiner's use only	Mark
Question 1	
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Question 2	
Question 3	
Question 4	
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**If you run out of space in this question-and-answer booklet you may use continuation sheets. Number the questions clearly and enclose your sheets in this question-and-answer booklet.**

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the Quality of Written Communication used in your answers that involve extended writing (questions 1(e), 2(e), 3(e) and 4(e)).

In addition, your ability to spell, punctuate and use grammar accurately will be assessed in question 1(e).

Answer **all** questions.

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1. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.



An upanayana ceremony

(a) Describe an upanayana (Sacred Thread) ceremony.

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(b) Explain why rites of passage are important to most Hindus.

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(c) Explain how Hindus try to follow their dharma.

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(d) 'Dharma is the most important teaching of Hinduism.'

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.  
(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) ‘The law of karma helps Hindus live good lives.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.) [8]

*Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question. [5]*

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2. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.

**Hindus believe that Brahman (God) can take many different forms.**

(a) Describe Hindu beliefs about the Trimurti. [4]

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(b) Explain why avatars are important in Hinduism. [4]

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(c) Explain Hindu attitudes towards euthanasia.

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(d) ‘The Trimurti are more important to Hindus than Brahman (God).’

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) ‘Following ahimsa is not easy in today’s world.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.  
(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.) [8]

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3. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.

**The family has always been an important part of Hinduism.**

(a) Describe the roles of men in a Hindu family.

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(b) Explain why the family is important in Hinduism.

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(c) Explain Hindu attitudes towards homosexuality.

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(d) 'All Hindus should worship in a temple.'

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) ‘Hindus should marry.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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4. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.



Diwali

(a) Describe the main features of Diwali.

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(b) Explain why the Ramayana is important to Hindus.

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(c) Explain how Hindus celebrate Holi.

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(d) 'Divali is the most important Hindu festival.'

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.  
(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) ‘For Hindus, going on pilgrimage is more important than celebrating festivals.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.  
(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.) [8]

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