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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SPECIFICATION A

PAPER G

HINDUISM

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 28 June 2006

(1 hour 45 minutes)

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SECTION A	
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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A 4 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer all the questions in Sections **A** and **B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

In Section **C** answer **two** questions in the answer book provided, which should then be enclosed 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 will be awarded marks for quality of your written communication.

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

SECTION A

*Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.*

1. (a) What is a *mandir*? [1]

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(b) State **one** place of Hindu pilgrimage. [1]

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(c) What is *arti*? [2]

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(d) Explain **one** belief about Brahman. [2]

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(e) What is the *Nam Samskar* ceremony?

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(f) Why is Durga important to many Hindus?

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(g) What is *maya*?

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(h) What is the role of a guru?

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(i) Describe the Hindu attitude to homosexuality.

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(j) Why do many Hindus consider it important to show respect to elders?

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SECTION B

Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.

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



Two of the avatars of Vishnu

(a) State **two** of the *avatars* of Vishnu.

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(b) What is the importance of *avatars*?

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(c) How is the Ramayana remembered at Divali?

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(d) Describe the events which led up to Sita's kidnap in the forest.

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

When I was thirteen I had my Upanyana (sacred thread) ceremony. The day was special but what was more important was that now I had entered into the student stage of life and felt a greater belonging to the Hindu community.

(a) State **two** parts of an *Upanyana* ceremony. [2]

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(b) Explain why some Hindus have an *Upanyana* ceremony. [2]

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(c) Explain the role of the *Brahmin* (priest) as a community leader.

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(d) What are the duties of the male house-holder stage?

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SECTION C

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided which should then be enclosed in this question-and-answer booklet.

4. (a) Describe a Hindu marriage ceremony. [4]
- (b) Explain Hindu attitudes to the nature **and** purpose of marriage. [8]
- (c) ‘Choosing your partner is your own business - families should not interfere.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
5. (a) Describe how Hindus might prepare for worship. [4]
- (b) Explain why Hinduism is often described as a ‘religion of the home’. [8]
- (c) ‘For Hindus what you do is more important than that what you eat.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
6. (a) Describe the importance of *bhakti* (devotion) to many Hindus. [4]
- (b) Explain how a belief in *dharma* affects a Hindu’s lifestyle. [8]
- (c) ‘It is difficult to maintain a Hindu life-style in Britain today.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]