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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SPECIFICATION A

PAPER G

HINDUISM

P.M. MONDAY, 25 June 2007

(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 *puja*? [1]

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(b) State the name of **one** *smriti* scripture. [1]

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(c) State **two** beliefs about Brahman. [2]

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(d) Why is Krishna important to many Hindus? [2]

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(e) What is an *Upanayana* (sacred thread ceremony)? [2]

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(f) Why do mandirs (temples) have more than one murti? [2]

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(g) Why do Hindus celebrate the festival of Navratri? [2]

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(h) What is an assisted or arranged marriage in Hinduism? [2]

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(i) Explain the attitude of many Hindus to birth control. [3]

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(j) Describe the duties of the student stage of life in Hinduism. [3]

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SECTION B

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

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



Hindus celebrating Diwali

(a) State **two** ways the festival of Diwali is celebrated.

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(b) Why is light important at Divali?

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(c) What is an *avatar*?

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(d) Explain the duties of women in Hindu family life.

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(e) Describe the difficulties of maintaining a Hindu lifestyle in Britain today. [4]

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(f) 'There is no need to celebrate religious festivals.'
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view. [4]

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

As a Hindu, worship is important to me, whether it be at home, in a mandir or in a special place such as the River Ganges in India. When I go to the mandir or perform arti in front of the home shrine, I always make sure I have prepared properly.

(a) State **two** internal features of a *mandir* (temple). [2]

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

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(c) Explain the importance of the home shrine.

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(d) How might a Hindu prepare for worship?

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(e) How is the *mandir* used as a community centre?

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(f) 'Pilgrimage is not important.'
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view.

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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) What is *dharma*? [4]
- (b) Describe **and** explain Hindu attitudes to divorce and re-marriage. [8]
- (c) ‘Duty to family should come before everything else.’
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 the role of the priest (*Brahmin*). [4]
- (b) Explain how caste might affect the life-style of a Hindu. [8]
- (c) ‘The caste system is unfair and has no role in the 21st century.’
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 yoga to Hindus. [4]
- (b) Explain how Gandhi used non-violent protest. [8]
- (c) ‘Non-violence is not possible in today’s society.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]