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GCSE

205/07

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SPECIFICATION A
PAPER G
HINDUISM**

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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.

SECTION A

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

1. (a) State **one** item found on a *puja* tray. [1]

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- (b) Name **one** *shruti* scripture. [1]

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- (c) What does the festival of Diwali celebrate? [2]

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- (d) Why is the *mundan* (shaving) ceremony important to many Hindus? [2]

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(e) Why is Durga important to many Hindus?

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(f) What is *maya*?

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(g) Why do only some Hindus have the *Upanayana* (sacred thread) ceremony?

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(h) What is the work of the Dalit Liberation Education Trust?

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(i) Describe the duties of the Hindu male householder stage of life. [3]

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(j) Explain what is meant by *ahimsa*. [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.



Many Hindus visit Varanasi each year.

(a) State **two** things that happen on pilgrimage at Varanasi.

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(b) Why is the River Ganges an important place of pilgrimage?

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(c) Why is Shiva important to many Hindus?

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(d) Explain why many Hindus choose to have their ashes scattered in running water.

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(e) Describe a Hindu funeral ceremony.

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(f) 'Pilgrimage is a waste of time.'
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view.

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

My guru has taught me that when I go to the mandir (temple) I should always make sure that I prepare myself physically and spiritually. Only then do I make my offering in front of the murti of Lord Rama.

(a) What is a *murti*?

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(b) Why is ritual purity important to Hindus?

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(c) Describe the role of the guru.

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(d) Explain why Rama is important to many Hindus.

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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 do Hindus believe about Brahman? [4]
- (b) Explain how belief in karma affects a Hindu lifestyle. [8]
- (c) ‘Hinduism is more than a religion, it is a way of life.’
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 main features of a Hindu marriage ceremony. [4]
- (b) Explain the nature **and** purpose of marriage in Hinduism. [8]
- (c) ‘Arranged marriages are out of date 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]
6. (a) What is *bhakti*? [4]
- (b) Explain the importance of vegetarianism and fasting for many Hindus. [8]
- (c) ‘For Hindus what you do is more important than what you believe.’
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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Page 6, Question 2: *This is Hinduism*
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