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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SPECIFICATION A

UNIT 6

HINDUISM

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 22 June 2011

1 hour 45 minutes

Examiner's use only	Mark
Question 1	
Question 2	
Question 3	
Question 4	
Total	

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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 the 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)).

Answer **all** questions.

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



The battle between Rama and Ravana

(a) Describe the main events of the Ramayana.

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(b) Explain why dharma is important in Hinduism.

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(c) Explain Hindu attitudes to divorce.

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(d) 'Rama and Sita are good role models.'

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) 'Parents should choose who their children 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. [8]

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

Hindu beliefs about Brahman and atman are very important and affect the way Hindus live their lives.

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

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(b) Explain why many Hindus are vegetarian. [4]

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(c) Explain Hindu teaching on reincarnation.

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(d) 'For Hindus what people do is more important than what they eat.'

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) 'Abortion is always wrong.'

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 text below and answer the questions which follow.

Hindu death rites vary from region to region and family to family, although there are some common features.

(a) Describe Hindu funeral rites. [4]

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(b) Explain why karma is important in Hinduism. [4]

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(c) Explain what religious actions Hindus might do at Varanasi (Benares). [4]

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(d) 'Belief in karma leads to better behaviour.'
Do you agree or disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.
You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer. [4]

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(e) 'Pilgrimage is a waste of time.'

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 picture below and answer the questions which follow.



Durga

(a) Describe how Navaratri is celebrated by Hindus.

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(b) Explain why Durga is important to Hindus.

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(c) Explain how Hindu mothers might encourage their children to worship. [4]

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(d) 'Men are more important than women in Hindu teaching.'
Do you agree or disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.
You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer. [4]

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(e) ‘Holi is the most important Hindu festival.’

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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Acknowledgements.

Question 1

www.students.ou.edu

Question 4

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