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# Religious Studies

## Unit 13: Hinduism

Tuesday 7 June 2016 – Afternoon  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS13/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1 (a) What is **sanatan dharma**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Krishna is the most important deity?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why Ganesha is significant for most Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Gaining good karma is the most important part of a Hindu's life."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2 (a) What is **Brahman**? (2)
- (b) Do you think avatars help people learn about God?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why samsara is important for Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Do you think God should be shown as female?"  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**

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## SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) What is a **guru**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Bhagavad Gita is the most important book for Hindus?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why swamis are important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "Hindus should only follow the smriti texts."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 4** (a) What is a **swami**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that revealed scriptures are more important than remembered ones?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why many Hindus believe caste has nothing to do with Hinduism. (8)
- (d) "Brahmins are not needed in modern society."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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**SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**

**You must answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is **Varanasi**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Holi is important for Hindus?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why pilgrimage to Vrindavan is important for many Hindus. (8)
- (d) "A temple is important for a community."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** (a) What is **arti**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Navaratri is important for all Hindus?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why offerings are important in Hindu worship. (8)
- (d) "Divali is the most important festival."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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## SECTION 4 – LIVING THE HINDU LIFE

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**EITHER**

- 7 (a) What is **grihastha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think it is important for babies to have a naming ceremony?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Hindus help those who are suffering. (8)
- (d) "No one should use violence to get what they want."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 8 (a) What is **cremation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Hindus should be involved in social and community cohesion?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why death rituals are important in Hinduism. (8)
- (d) "The brahmacharya ashrama is not as significant as other ashramas."  
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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