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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A  
(WORLD RELIGIONS)**

**Paper 5 Hinduism**

**TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**

**SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.**
- **Use black ink.**
- **Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Answer Question 1 and TWO other questions.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- **The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.**
- **The total number of marks for this paper is 64.**
- **You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.**

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**Answer Question 1 and TWO other questions.**

- 1 (a) Describe a Hindu funeral. [8]**
- (b) Explain how believing in samsara might affect the way a Hindu lives. [7]**
- (c) ‘Believing in reincarnation is just wishful thinking.’**

**Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]**

- 2 (a) Describe how a Hindu might perform puja (worship). [8]**
- (b) Explain the symbolism of the objects used in worship. [7]**
- (c) ‘Hindus do not need to perform puja.’**

**Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]**

- 3 (a) Describe how Hindus celebrate the festival of Holi. [8]**
- (b) Explain how celebrating festivals can teach Hindus how to live. [7]**
- (c) ‘The gods do not always behave well.’**

**Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]**

- 4 (a) Describe what Hindus believe about ahimsa. [8]**
- (b) Explain how Hindus might put teachings about ahimsa into practice in their lives. [7]**
- (c) ‘People are more important than animals.’**

**Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]**

- 5 (a) Describe what Hindus believe about the Vedas. [8]**
- (b) Explain why the Vedas are important to some Hindus. [7]**
- (c) ‘Hinduism could not exist without the sacred writings.’**

**Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]**

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