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HINDUISM

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Paper 3 Hinduism: Philosophy and Religion

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SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Explain the relationship between Purusha and Prakriti in Samkhya philosophy. [12]
- (b) 'Prakriti is the source of everything that exists'. Evaluate this claim. [18]
- [Total: 30]

OR

- 2 (a) Explain why Shramana traditions do not accept the authority of the Vedas. [12]
- (b) Analyse the relationship between Hinduism and the Shramana traditions. [18]
- [Total: 30]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 Assess the claim that there is no difference between Sankara's and Ramanuja's understanding of Brahman. [30]

OR

- 4 To what extent has Swami Vivekananda influenced non-Hindus perception of Hinduism? [30]

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