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HINDUISM

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Paper 2 Scriptures, Ethics and Hindu Life

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

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: Aspects of knowledge, action and devotion

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1 (a) (i)** Who does Arjuna call upon to help with his decision making? [1]
- (ii)** Name the scripture in which this event occurs. [1]
- (b)** Describe bhakti yoga. [3]
- (c)** Explain why the 'way of knowledge' can be very difficult to follow. [5]
- (d)** 'Hindus can achieve liberation without studying the scriptures.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? Refer in your answer to the specified texts you have studied. [10]

- 2 (a) (i)** Who was the demon king who ruled the earth at the time of Rama? [1]
- (ii)** Who was Rama's wife? [1]
- (b)** Outline Hanuman's actions in the Ramayana. [3]
- (c)** Explain the importance of devotion in the story of Rama and Sabrī. [5]
- (d)** 'Telling a story is the best way to get a moral truth across to people.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? Refer in your answer to the specified texts you have studied. [10]

Section B: Hindu life and ceremonies

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3 (a) (i)** What is the 'naming ceremony' called in Hinduism? [1]
- (ii)** Name **one** other samskara in Hinduism. [1]
- (b)** Describe the grihastha ashrama. [3]
- (c)** Explain the duties of the kshatriya. [5]
- (d)** 'Moksha (liberation) is too hard to achieve.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Hindu values to support your argument. [10]

- 4 (a) (i)** What is the Hindu word for social class? [1]
- (ii)** Name the top social class in the Hindu tradition. [1]
- (b)** Describe how jati is different from the social classes in Hinduism. [3]
- (c)** Explain how Hindus can live their lives according to the purusharthas. [5]
- (d)** 'Divisions in society based on social class are no longer important for Hindus.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Hindu values to support your argument. [10]

Section C: Reforms and reformers of the 18th to 20th centuries

Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 5** (a) (i) Where did M K Gandhi study law? [1]
- (ii) Where did M K Gandhi then go to practise law? [1]
- (b) Describe how M K Gandhi's early life and family influenced his principles. [3]
- (c) Explain what M K Gandhi did to campaign for Indian independence. [5]
- (d) 'M K Gandhi's teachings totally prepared Indians for life today.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Indian reformers to support your argument. [10]

- 6** (a) (i) Name the founder of the Brahmo Samaj. [1]
- (ii) What is meant by the term Brahmo Samaj? [1]
- (b) Describe how the Brahmo Samaj worked to change the social issues of caste. [3]
- (c) Explain how the Brahmo Samaj worked to promote the rights of women in India. [5]
- (d) 'The Brahmo Samaj has been totally successful in reforming Hinduism'.
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Indian reformers to support your argument. [10]

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