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**Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE**

**Monday 26 June 2023**

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/4C**

**Religious Studies**

**Advanced**

**PAPER 4: Study of Religion**

**Option 4C: Hinduism**

**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.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

## Advice

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

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## 1 Explore beliefs about dharma in Hinduism.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)**



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2 Assess the impact of multicultural society on Hindu religious practice.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS**



## SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

Karma (action–effect). The basic idea here is that every conscious and volitional action an individual engages in generates conditions for more than the visible effect, such that the net effect of an action X may manifest itself at a later time, or perhaps its traces remain in the ‘unconscious’ and get distributed over another time. X may combine the residual effect of Y to generate a compounded effect in some future moment. And this in turn becomes a determinant of another action, or a state of affairs pertaining to that particular individual (perhaps even a collective). The effect of Z might be pleasurable (sukha) or it might be painful and induce suffering (dukkha), but this is the retribution entailed in the causal network that is itself an inexorable manifestation of dharma.

Further, the idea of an infinite possibility of action-retribution suggests to the Indian mind the idea of rebirth, for merit or virtue appears to be in need of being rewarded, and demerit punished, according to the Law of Karma. Thus merit or demerit achieved in one lifetime could well continue to determine one’s capacities, temperament and circumstances in another birth.

(Source: Extract from *Indian Ethics*, Bilimoria, P., John Wiley and Sons, 1993, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about the Hindu idea of karma.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse key Hindu beliefs about the relationship between karma and reincarnation.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS**



## SECTION C

**Write your answer in the space provided.**

- 4** Evaluate the role of sacrifices and Agni in the development of Hinduism.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Hinduism have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS**  
**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS**



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