



GCE A LEVEL

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TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2025 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 1
A Study of Religion

Option E: HINDUISM

2 hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer, for example,

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources
- account for the influence of social, religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

Component 1 – A Study of Religion

Option E – A Study of Hinduism

Part **a)** of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part **b)** of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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| 0 | 1 | a) Examine Hindu rishis as philosophers, mathematicians and scientists with reference to Charaka and Aryabhata. | [20] |
| | | b) 'Science poses no threat to Hinduism.'
Evaluate this view. | [30] |

Or,

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| 0 | 2 | a) Examine the development of the role of women in Hinduism. | [20] |
| | | b) 'Hinduism supports feminism.'
Evaluate this view. | [30] |

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine Gandhi's contribution to Hinduism. [20]
- b) 'Gandhi's achievements were more political than religious.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Explain different Hindu beliefs about the relationship between Brahman and atman. [20]
- b) 'God has to be personal to be worshipped.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [30]

Or,

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- a) Explain the nature of puja in Hinduism. [20]
- b) 'Personal worship is far more important than congregational worship.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [30]

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