



**GCE AS**

**B120UE0-1**



**FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2024 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1**  
**Option E: An Introduction to Hinduism**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

**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 number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover 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.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

## COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

### Option E – An Introduction to 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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| <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>a)</b> Explain Gandhi's views on varna and the status of the Dalits.     | [25] |
|          |          | <b>b)</b> 'Varna is not practical in today's world.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [25] |

**Or,**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>a)</b> Explain the importance of the four ashramas.                        | [25] |
|          |          | <b>b)</b> 'The ashramas are relevant to Hindus today.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [25] |

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Examine the nature and importance of puja in the home in Hinduism. [25]
- b) 'Puja is far more than a daily ritual for Hindus.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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- a) Explain different aspects of karma and their influence on types of reincarnation. [25]
- b) 'Karma has no real influence on the lives of Hindus.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine the importance of the Aryans and their culture to the development of Hinduism. [25]
- b) 'The origins of Hinduism can never be known.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

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