



GCE A LEVEL

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MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2024 – MORNING

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 the Hindu concept of ashrama. | [20] |
| | | b) 'Hinduism is nothing more than a religion of duty.'
Evaluate this view. | [30] |

Or,

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| 0 | 2 | a) Examine Hindu beliefs about the Trimurti. | [20] |
| | | b) 'The Trimurti is the most important concept in Hinduism.'
Evaluate this view. | [30] |

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain the importance of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada for the development and growth of ISKCON. [20]
- b) 'ISKCON is a traditional form of Hinduism.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine the origin and background of the Upanishads. [20]
- b) 'The Upanishads are still important for Hindus today.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine Shankara's understanding of Advaita. [20]
- b) 'Brahman can only be fully understood as nirguna.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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