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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Monday 23 June 2025

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 jnana yoga in Hinduism.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)



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2 Assess the importance of gender equality in Hinduism.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

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.

I have asserted my claim to being a Sanatani Hindu, and yet there are things which are commonly done in the name of Hinduism, which I disregard. I have no desire to be called a Sanatani Hindu or any other if I am not such. It is therefore necessary for me once for all distinctly to give my meaning of Sanatana Hinduism. The word Sanatana I use in its natural sense. I call myself a Sanatani Hindu, because, (1) I believe in the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Puranas and all that goes by the name of Hindu scriptures, and therefore in avatars and rebirth: (2) I believe in the varnashrama dharma in a sense, in my opinion, strictly Vedic but not in its present popular and crude sense: (3) I believe in the protection of the cow in its much larger sense than the popular; (4) I do not disbelieve in idol-worship.

(Source: extract adapted from *Man's Religious Quest*, edited by Whitfield Foy, (Croom Helm, 1977), Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas about Sanatana Dharma illustrated in this passage.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the implications of Sanatana Dharma for Hindu belief and practice.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- #### 4 Evaluate the significance of jati in modern 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
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