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Religious Studies

Unit 6: Religion and life based on a study of Hinduism

Monday 12 May 2014 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS06/01

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.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer ONE question from this section.

YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What does **dharma** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a religious upbringing leads to belief in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how Hindus respond to the problem of evil and suffering. (8)
- (d) "Religious experiences prove that God exists."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What does **karma** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a numinous experience leads to belief in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why unanswered prayers may lead some bhakti Hindus to reject belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Reading the Bhagavad Gita would make anyone believe in God."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)



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SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 3** (a) What does **ahimsa** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Hindus should agree with abortion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some people do not believe in life after death. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should accept euthanasia."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4** (a) What does **nirvana** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Hindus should agree with euthanasia?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain what the British law says about abortion. (8)
- (d) "Beliefs about life after death affect the way a person lives their life."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 5** (a) What is the **havan**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Hindus should accept sex outside marriage?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Hindus agree with homosexuality and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should never divorce."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6** (a) What is meant by **contraception**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Hindus should accept homosexuality?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Hinduism teaches that family life is important. (8)
- (d) "Pre-marital sex is always wrong."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is meant by **racial harmony**? (2)
- (b) Do you think problems are caused because society is multi-ethnic?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain the benefits of living in a multi-faith society. (8)
- (d) "Men and women are treated equally in the UK today."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by **racism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think women should have different religious rights to men in Hinduism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Hindus should encourage racial harmony. (8)
- (d) "Government laws lead to community cohesion."
In your answer you should refer to Hinduism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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