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**Religious Studies
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Unit 13 Hinduism

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Part B

Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 13 to 20 in the answer booklet.

There are 28 marks for each question.

Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar [SPaG].

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Either**B5 Worship and Beliefs and Sources of Authority**

B5 (a) Explain Hindu beliefs about karma **and** samsara (cycle of rebirth). **[4 marks]**

B5 (b) ‘A belief in karma makes little difference to how Hindus live their lives.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hinduism in your answer. **[6 marks]**

B5 (c) (i) Explain the meaning of the Om symbol in Hindu worship. **[4 marks]**

B5 (c) (ii) Explain why Hindus worship Shakti. **[4 marks]**

B5 (d) ‘Without religious symbols, Hindus would not be able to worship God.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hinduism in your answer. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

or

B6 Justice and Equality

B6 (a) Explain Hindu attitudes towards those who live in poverty. **[4 marks]**

B6 (b) 'The best thing to do in life is to give up all one's wealth and possessions.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hindu teachings in your answer. **[6 marks]**

B6 (c) (i) Explain Hindu views on racial discrimination. **[4 marks]**

B6 (c) (ii) Explain Hindu views on religious prejudice. **[4 marks]**

B6 (d) 'Equality is impossible in Hindu society today.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hinduism in your answer. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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