

GCSE

Religious Studies  
(Specification A)

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Unit 13 Hinduism

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**Part B**

Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 11 to 20 in the answer booklet.

There are 28 marks for each question.

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**Either**

**B5**            **Festivals and Pilgrimage and Beliefs and Sources of Authority**

**B5 (a)**        Explain the importance of Divali for Hindus. **[4 marks]**

**B5 (b) (i)**    Describe what religious actions Hindus perform when they go on a pilgrimage. **[4 marks]**

**B5 (b) (ii)**   For Hindus, the River Ganges is the most sacred place on earth.’  
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)**        Explain the meaning of the aims in life of artha and kama. **[4 marks]**

**B5 (d)**        ‘All Hindus should aim for liberation (moksha).’  
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]**

**[SPaG: 4 marks]**

**[Total marks for this question: 28 marks]**

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

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or

**B6 Justice and Equality, Personal Duties and Family Relationships**

**B6 (a)** Explain the importance of the Hindu rite of marriage. **[4 marks]**

**B6 (b) (i)** Explain Hindu attitudes towards divorce. **[4 marks]**

**B6 (b) (ii)** 'The family is the most important aspect of the Hindu way of life.'  
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]**

**B6 (c)** Describe the role of women in Hindu society. **[4 marks]**

**B6 (d)** 'In Hindu society, it will always be difficult for women to have equal status with men.'  
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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