



GCE AS

B120UE0-1



RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1
Option E: An Introduction to Hinduism

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019 – MORNING

1 hour 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

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.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option E – An Introduction to 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,

1. (a) Outline different theories on the Indus and Aryan origins of Hinduism. [25]
- (b) 'Knowledge of the Indus Valley civilisation is essential for understanding Hinduism today.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Explain Jnana yoga and bhakti yoga as different paths to liberation. [25]
- (b) 'Jnana yoga is not relevant to Hindus in the 21st century.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Examine the concept of karma in Hinduism. [25]
- (b) 'Belief in karma is by far the greatest influence on the lives of Hindus.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Examine Gandhi's understanding of the Hindu concept of ahimsa. [25]
- (b) 'Truth has no inherent force.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Explain the spiritual significance of events that take place during Holi. [25]
- (b) 'Festivals are not necessary to express Hindu identity.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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