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 all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 51.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
- The question labelled with an asterisk (*) is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on this question with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

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.
Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Question 1: Beliefs

(a) Outline three Hindu beliefs about Shakti. (3)

(b) Explain two reasons why prakriti is important in Hinduism. (4)
(c) Explain **two** ways Hindus respond to suffering.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority. 

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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) “The most important aspect of the divine is Bhagavan.”*

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
- refer to Hindu teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 2: Practices

2. (a) Outline three features of Raksha Bandhan. (3)

(b) Explain two reasons why Holi is celebrated. (4)
(c) Explain **two** reasons why cow protection is important for some Hindus.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority. (5)
(d) “All Hindus should worship in temples.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
- refer to Hindu teachings
- refer to different Hindu points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.