



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option E

An Introduction to the Study of Hinduism

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019 – MORNING

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil or gel pen. Do not use correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question in Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left hand margin at the start of each answer

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 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 unit.
- 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.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion
Option E – An Introduction to the Study of 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,

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- a) Explain the concept of varna **and** different ways in which it affects the lives of Hindus. [15]
- b) 'Varna is not relevant in today's world.'
 Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [15]

Or,

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- a) Explain the concept of ashrama **and** different ways in which it affects the lives of Hindus. [15]
- b) 'Hinduism is a religion of duty.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Section B

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

Either,

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- a) Explain the spiritual significance of Durga Puja. [15]
- b) 'Durga is the most important deity in Hinduism.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Explain the significance of belief in karma and reincarnation in achieving moksha. [15]
- b) 'The next life is far more important than the present life.'
 Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [15]

Or,

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- a) Examine the role of the Ramayana and Mahabharata in Hindu daily life. [15]
- b) 'The Vedas are the most important Hindu texts.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

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