



**GCE AS/A LEVEL**

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**FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2022 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1**

**Option E**

**An Introduction to the Study of Hinduism**

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 gel pen or correction fluid.

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

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

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,

for example 

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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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| 0 | 1 | a) Explain how the status of the Dalits has improved, with reference to the Bahujan Samaj Party. | [15] |
|   |   | b) 'The varna system can never be justified.'<br>Evaluate this view.                             | [15] |

**Or,**

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| 0 | 2 | a) Examine the concept of ahimsa in Hinduism.                        | [15] |
|   |   | b) 'Ahimsa is not relevant in today's world.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [15] |

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | a) Explain Krishna's teaching on varnadharma and the conflict that can arise from following personal dharma. [15] |
|          |          | b) 'Bhakti yoga is without doubt the highest path to liberation.' Evaluate this view. [15]                        |

**Or,**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> | a) Examine Hindu beliefs about the Trimurti. [15]                                     |
|          |          | b) 'The Trimurti is the most important concept in Hinduism.' Evaluate this view. [15] |

**Or,**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>5</b> | a) Explain how the festival of Holi has spiritual significance for Hindus. [15]  |
|          |          | b) 'Hindu festivals do not express religious identity.' Evaluate this view. [15] |

**END OF PAPER**