



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option E

An Introduction to the Study of Hinduism

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – 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.

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 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,

1. (a) Outline the main features of the Indus Valley civilisation **and** the Aryans and their culture. [15]
- (b) 'There is no doubt that Hinduism originated in the Indus Valley.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

2. (a) Explain Krishna's teaching in the Bhagavad Gita on dharma and varnadharma. [15]
- (b) 'The relationship between Krishna and Arjuna is central to Hinduism.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Outline the main features of Vaishnavism and Shaivism. [15]
- (b) 'Vaishnavism and Shaivism are religions in themselves.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

4. (a) Examine the concept of ahimsa in Hinduism. [15]
- (b) 'Truth has an inherent force.'
 Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [15]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the nature and importance of congregational worship in Hinduism. [15]
- (b) 'Puja is not a religious experience.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

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