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

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – 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) Examine the spiritual significance of Durga Puja. [25]
- (b) ‘Celebrating mythical events on festival days have little value in today’s world.’
 Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Examine the nature and importance of personal worship in Hinduism. [25]
- (b) ‘Puja is the most important way of expressing Hindu identity.’
 Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Examine the relationship between Brahman and atman in Hinduism. [25]
- (b) ‘It is impossible to worship an impersonal God.’
 Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Explain the Hindu concepts of ahimsa **and** satyagraha. [25]
- (b) ‘The ideal of ahimsa is not practical in today’s world.’
 Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Explain the authority and use of the Vedas in Hinduism. [25]
- (b) ‘Hindu texts are still relevant today.’
 Evaluate this view. [25]

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