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HINDUISM

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Paper 2 Scriptures, Ethics and Hindu Life

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: Aspects of knowledge, action and devotion

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1 (a) (i) What is meant by the term jnana yoga? [1]
- (ii) Give **one** thing that Krishna says about jnana yoga. [1]
- (b) Outline what is meant by the term karma. [3]
- (c) Explain Krishna's teaching about Brahman in the Bhagavad Gita, chapter III. [5]
- (d) 'Hindu scriptures are less relevant to Hindus than they used to be.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? Refer in your answer to the specified texts you have studied. [10]

- 2 (a) Give **two** features from Sabri's description of the brothers in Aranya Kanda Dohas 33. [2]
- (b) Describe the concept of bhakti. [3]
- (c) Explain what the example of the fruit in the Chandogya Upanishad teaches about Hindu beliefs. [5]
- (d) 'Karma is the best guide to living a good life.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? Refer in your answer to the specified texts you have studied. [10]

Section B: Hindu life and ceremoniesAnswer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3 (a) (i)** Name the warrior varna. [1]
- (ii)** Name the priestly varna. [1]
- (b)** Outline what happens during the namakarana samskara. [3]
- (c)** Explain the relationship between the ashramas and dharma. [5]
- (d)** 'It is not important for a Hindu to become a sannyasa.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Hindu values to support your argument. [10]

- 4 (a) (i)** Name the purushartha concerned with wealth. [1]
- (ii)** Name the purushartha concerned with desire. [1]
- (b)** Describe the grihastha ashrama. [3]
- (c)** Explain why the vivaha samskara is important to Hindus. [5]
- (d)** 'It is too difficult for a Hindu to follow their dharma fully in the modern world.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Hindu values to support your argument. [10]

Section C: Reforms and reformers of the 18th to 20th centuries

Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 5** (a) Give **two** political causes for which M K Gandhi fasted. [2]
- (b) Describe **one** of the teachings of the Brahmo Samaj. [3]
- (c) Explain how M K Gandhi tried to improve the lives of the poor and powerless. [5]
- (d) 'Ramakrishna's reforms failed to establish Hinduism as a world religion.'

To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Indian reformers to support your argument. [10]

- 6** (a) (i) Name the Governor-General of British India with whom Ram Mohan Roy worked. [1]
- (ii) Which practice did they campaign to prohibit? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** social reform suggested by Dayananda Saraswati. [3]
- (c) Explain the relationship between non-violence and satyagraha. [5]
- (d) 'M K Gandhi's achievements were social not religious.'

To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Indian reformers to support your argument. [10]

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