



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
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**Religious Studies** **405013**  
**(Specification A)**  
**Religious Studies**  
**(Specification A) (Short Course)**

**Unit 13**   **Hinduism**

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**Part B**

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Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of the answer booklet.

There are 24 marks for each question.

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**EITHER****B5 Beliefs and Sources of Authority**

**B5 (a)** Explain the Hindu understanding of Brahman and atman. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (b)** 'Popular deities are more important to Hindus than the concept of Brahman.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (c)** Describe the different types of Hindu sacred texts. You may use examples in your answer. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (d)** 'Faith in God is more central to Hinduism than understanding sacred texts.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

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Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5

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**OR**

**B6        Respect for Life**

**B6 (a)**        Explain the principle of ahimsa. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (b)**        'Euthanasia shows no respect for life.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hinduism in your answer. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (c)**        Explain Hindu attitudes to the environment. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (d)**        'Religious beliefs do nothing to protect the created world.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Hinduism in your answer. *(6 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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