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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Fill in the grid on the front page of the answer booklet to show which questions you have answered.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** section.

Every question is marked out of 20.

Read the questions **carefully**. Try to understand exactly what is being asked of you.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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Answer **one** question from **each** section plus **one** question.

Section A

- 1 'Purusha means the light which shines in Prakriti, the body.'
Discuss the relationship between Purusha and Prakriti in the Samkhya System.
- 2 'Samadhi is not only the final limb of Yoga, it is also the foundation for all the other limbs.'
Discuss this view of Patanjali's eightfold system of Yoga.
- 3 'Brahman is real, the world is illusory. The individual Self is not different from the Brahman.'
Explain why this statement of Sankara is said to express the essence of Advaita Vedanta.
- 4 'Vishista Advaita is the doctrine that the Spirit of man is separate and different from the Supreme Spirit, though dependent on It, and ultimately unites with It.'
To what extent is this an accurate representation of Ramanuja's interpretation of Vedanta?

Section B

- 5 'Be ye a light unto your selves. Hold to the truth as a refuge.'
To what extent is this statement consistent with the Buddha's ethical teaching?
- 6 Assess the relevance of Mahavira's ethical teaching for humanity today.
- 7 'There are more similarities than differences between Hinduism and Theravada Buddhism as regards the doctrines of karma and rebirth.'
Discuss.
- 8 'The Jain teachings on knowledge are totally different from those of Hinduism.'
Consider the validity of this statement.

Section C

- 9 'For the protection of the good, for the destruction of the wicked; for the firm establishment of religion; I am reborn in every age.'

How far is this sloka (verse) an adequate account of the significance of Vishnu in the spiritual life of Hindus?

- 10 'Durga's appearance is that of a beautiful yellow woman riding on a tiger in a fierce and menacing attitude.'

Discuss the extent to which Durga as Shakti (female power) of Shiva reflects his contrasting or conflicting qualities.

- 11 'On the level of the body I am the servant of Lord Rama; on the level of mind I am his friend, but in truth I am the Rama.'

What light does this statement of Hanuman throw on the relation between 'the one and the many' in Hindu devotion?

Section D

- 12 'The Brahmacharya stage of life provides an essential basis for Hindu spiritual growth.'

Discuss this statement in relation to the ashrama system, past and present.

- 13 'Of the purusharthas, one is more important.'

Discuss.

- 14 'The Self is not born, nor does It die.'

Explore the relationship between belief in the unity of the Self and Brahman, and the law of karma.

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