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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

HINDUISM

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Paper 1

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2 hours 30 minutes

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.

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.

You should read the questions **carefully**. Try to understand exactly what is being asked of you, and **then** write your answers.

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

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer any **five** questions, choosing at least **one** from each section.

Section A

- 1 **(a)** Give **one** example of a teaching by which Svetaketu is instructed about the Self. [10]
and (b) Explain why 'That art thou' (*tat tvam asi*) is held to be one of the great sayings of the Upanishads. [10]
- 2 What do Hindus learn from the Bhagavad Gita about the right and the wrong way to do one's work? Refer to the set text in your answer. [20]
- 3 Explain how Tulsidasa's story of the ferryman lets the reader see Rama as both human and divine. [20]

Section B

- 4 Huge statues of Lord Shiva can be found both in Hindu cities and in the countryside. Explain how the main features of these images can remind worshippers about the nature of the god Shiva. [20]
- 5 **(a)** Describe how the Ganesh Chaturthi festival might be celebrated in a Hindu community. [10]
and (b) Explain the significance of the Chaturthi celebrations for worshippers of Ganesha. [10]
- 6 'Devotion to Durga inspires love as well as fear.'
Discuss. [20]

Section C

- 7 To what extent is it true to say that dharma is the most important of the purusharthas? [20]
- 8 Explain
- (a) the duties and responsibilities of the 'twice-born' in the traditional varna system [10]
- and (b) why the value of the system of four varnas is questioned by some Hindus today. [10]
- 9 'It is important for every community to value its older citizens.'
- Discuss with reference to your study of the four ashramas. [20]

Section D

- 10 Give reasons why Rammohan Roy is honoured as a leading social reformer of 19th century India. [20]
- 11 How and why did Swami Dayananda Saraswati try to persuade the Indians of his day that many of their laws and customs should be reformed? [20]
- 12 Explain what M.K.Gandhi was trying to achieve for India
- (a) by living a simple life without luxuries [10]
- and (b) by challenging Indians to live by the principle of ahimsa. [10]

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