



GCE AS – NEW

B120UE0-1



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

THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – 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 concept of varnashramadharma in Hinduism. [25]
- (b) 'Duty is the most important part of Hinduism.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Outline the views of Gandhi and Ambedkar on varna and untouchability. [25]
- (b) 'Varna is not relevant today.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

Either,

3. (a) Explain jnana yoga and karma yoga as paths to liberation. [25]
- (b) 'Jnana yoga is the most important path to liberation.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Explain Hindu teachings about karma and reincarnation. [25]
- (b) 'The next life is far more important for Hindus than the present life.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the importance of Holi to the Hindu community. [25]
- (b) 'Holi is more a social occasion than a religious celebration.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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