



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option E

An Introduction to the Study of Hinduism

THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – MORNING

1 hour 15 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 30 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 unit.
- 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.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option E – An Introduction to the Study of 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 karma in Hinduism. [15]
- (b) 'Belief in karma is the most important influence on a Hindu's life.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

2. (a) Outline different beliefs about the relationship between Brahman and atman. [15]
- (b) 'It is impossible to worship an impersonal God.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [15]

Section B

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

Either,

3. (a) Outline the views of Gandhi and Ambedkar on varna and untouchability. [15]
- (b) 'Varna creates a just society.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

4. (a) Explain the ethical teachings found in the Ramayana. [15]
- (b) 'Hindu texts are not relevant in the world today.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the spiritual significance of the festival of Holi. [15]
- (b) 'Celebrating mythical events is meaningless in the world today.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Hinduism. [15]

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