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HINDUISM

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Paper 2

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3 hours



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **five** questions in total:
Answer **at least one** question from each section.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- Each question is worth 20 marks.

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

Section A

- 1 'The delusion that Purusha both acts and experiences the effects of action is the only real obstacle to liberation.'

Discuss this claim with reference to Samkhya.

- 2 Assess the claim that the eight limbs of Yoga are philosophical rather than practical.

- 3 'Bhakti has no place in Sankara's Advaita Vedanta.'

Assess this claim.

- 4 To what extent is Vishista Advaita Vedanta a dualist philosophy?

Section B

- 5 Evaluate the claim that Jain teachings about the nature of the human person are the same as Hindu teachings.

- 6 'The Four Noble Truths are the only teaching necessary to guide Buddhists to nirvana.'

Discuss.

- 7 'The only thing separating Buddhism from Hinduism is the concept of anatta.'

Assess this claim.

Section C

- 8 Assess the claim that Vishnu himself is **less** significant for Hindus than his avatars.
- 9 Compare the significance of Lakshmi and Durga in the everyday lives of Hindus.
- 10 'Puja allows the living presence within the murti to communicate with the worshipper.'
Evaluate this claim.

Section D

- 11 Assess the claim that the varna system is vital to Hinduism.
- 12 Discuss the view that all four ashramas are of equal importance in Hindu society.
- 13 'Nothing matters more than good karma.'
Discuss this statement.

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