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Paper 4 Hinduism in Contemporary Society

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1 hour 30 minutes

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

EITHER

1 (a) Compare the ways the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and the Sathya Sai International Organisation worship the divine. [12]

(b) Assess the claim that equality is central to new religious movements in Hinduism. [18]

OR

2 (a) Explain M K Gandhi's ideal of a secular state. [12]

(b) 'Secularism is the only system that really gives people religious freedom.'

Discuss. [18]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

3 'The poor treatment of dalits is **not** a result of the varna system.'

Discuss. [30]

OR

4 Evaluate the claim that Hindu women should be allowed to choose sati. [30]

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