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## HINDUISM

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Paper 3 Hinduism: Philosophy and Religion

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### 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 [ ].

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**Section A**

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

**EITHER**

- 1 (a) Compare the ways M K Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda understood Hinduism as a world religion. [12]
- (b) Evaluate the view that the Shramana traditions are entirely separate from Hinduism in the contemporary world. [18]

**OR**

- 2 (a) Explain how Patanjali's Ashtanga Yoga leads to liberation. [12]
- (b) 'There is no need to understand Samkhya philosophy to practise Ashtanga Yoga.'  
Discuss. [18]

**Section B**

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

**EITHER**

- 3 'The Vedanta philosophies are basically the same.' Discuss. [30]

**OR**

- 4 'Ishvara is an important concept in all Hindu philosophies.' Discuss. [30]



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