



# **Cambridge International AS & A Level**

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**HINDUISM**

**9487/04**

Paper 4 Hinduism in Contemporary Society

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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) Explain the relationship between the concepts of varna and jati. [12]

(b) 'Social reformers have had no impact on the "caste" system.'  
Discuss. [18]

**OR**

2 (a) Explain how the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) is different to other forms of Hinduism. [12]

(b) Assess the claim that proselytisation is the main practice of ISKCON. [18]

**Section B**

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

**EITHER**

3 Evaluate the claim that Sita and Draupadi are feminist role models. [30]

OR

4 'Religious freedom is always part of secularism.'  
Discuss. [30]



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