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HINDUISM

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Paper 1 Concepts in Hinduism

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1 hour 30 minutes

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 [].

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Section A

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

EITHER

- 1 (a) Summarise the difference between Sadharana Dharma and Sanatana Dharma. [5]
- (b) Explain the significance of the concept of adharma. [10]
- (c) Assess the claim that living a righteous life must include all four purusharthas. [15]

[Total: 30]

OR

- 2 (a) 'Dharma is old and new at the same time, always present and always evolving. In Hinduism, there is no difficulty in accepting that some aspects of dharma will become irrelevant. And other ideas and reforms will be infused into the religion. The essence of dharma, however, remains unchanged throughout eternity. No one word translation in English can convey the full meaning implicit in the term. To live according to dharma is to live in harmony with the truth of things.'
- Summarise what the above passage says about the concept of dharma. [5]
- (b) Compare the ways Sita and Draupadi keep to traditional expectations of sthri dharma. [10]
- (c) Assess the claim that rita is the foundation of dharma. [15]

[Total: 30]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3 (a) Outline the difference between videha mukti and jivan mukti. [5]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might believe there are different paths to moksha. [10]
- (c) 'Maya is the only thing which prevents liberation.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

OR

- 4 (a) Summarise the role of prarabdha karma in relation to rebirth. [5]
- (b) Explain why a Hindu might choose the Bhakti marga as their path to liberation. [10]
- (c) 'Hindus following the Raja marga do **not** need to think about the fruits of their actions.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

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