



# Cambridge O Level

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## HINDUISM

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Paper 2 Scriptures, Ethics and Hindu Life

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

### 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: Aspects of knowledge, action and devotion**

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1**    **(a)**    **(i)**    Who does Arjuna call upon to help with his decision making? [1]
- (ii)**    Name the scripture in which this event occurs. [1]
- (b)**    Describe bhakti yoga. [3]
- (c)**    Explain why the 'way of knowledge' can be very difficult to follow. [5]
- (d)**    'Hindus can achieve liberation without studying the scriptures.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? Refer in your answer to the specified texts you have studied. [10]

- 2**    **(a)**    **(i)**    Who was the demon king who ruled the earth at the time of Rama? [1]
- (ii)**    Who was Rama's wife? [1]
- (b)**    Outline Hanuman's actions in the Ramayana. [3]
- (c)**    Explain the importance of devotion in the story of Rama and Sabarī. [5]
- (d)**    'Telling a story is the best way to get a moral truth across to people.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? Refer in your answer to the specified texts you have studied. [10]

### Section B: Hindu life and ceremonies

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3 (a) (i)** What is the 'naming ceremony' called in Hinduism? [1]
- (ii)** Name **one** other samskara in Hinduism. [1]
- (b)** Describe the grihastha ashrama. [3]
- (c)** Explain the duties of the kshatriya. [5]
- (d)** 'Moksha (liberation) is too hard to achieve.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Hindu values to support your argument. [10]

- 4 (a) (i)** What is the Hindu word for social class? [1]
- (ii)** Name the top social class in the Hindu tradition. [1]
- (b)** Describe how jati is different from the social classes in Hinduism. [3]
- (c)** Explain how Hindus can live their lives according to the purusharthas. [5]
- (d)** 'Divisions in society based on social class are no longer important for Hindus.'
- To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Hindu values to support your argument. [10]

### Section C: Reforms and reformers of the 18th to 20th centuries

Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 5** (a) (i) Where did M K Gandhi study law? [1]
- (ii) Where did M K Gandhi then go to practise law? [1]
- (b) Describe how M K Gandhi's early life and family influenced his principles. [3]
- (c) Explain what M K Gandhi did to campaign for Indian independence. [5]
- (d) 'M K Gandhi's teachings totally prepared Indians for life today.'

To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Indian reformers to support your argument. [10]

- 6** (a) (i) Name the founder of the Brahmo Samaj. [1]
- (ii) What is meant by the term Brahmo Samaj? [1]
- (b) Describe how the Brahmo Samaj worked to change the social issues of caste. [3]
- (c) Explain how the Brahmo Samaj worked to promote the rights of women in India. [5]
- (d) 'The Brahmo Samaj has been totally successful in reforming Hinduism'.

To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of Indian reformers to support your argument. [10]

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