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HINDUISM

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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)

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 why the payment of dowries causes concern about women's rights. [12]
- (b) 'Marriage places equal expectations on men and women in traditional Hinduism.' Discuss. [18]

[Total: 30]

OR

- 2 (a) Explain what the International society for Krishna consciousness teaches about how moksha is reached. [12]
- (b) Evaluate the claim that the International society for Krishna consciousness is **not** just a new form of Hinduism. [18]

[Total: 30]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3 Assess the claim that M K Gandhi solved the social problems caused by the 'caste' system. [30]

OR

- 4 'It is necessary to live within a Hindu community to celebrate the festivals properly.' Discuss. [30]

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