



# Cambridge International AS & A Level

**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) Outline the relationship between dharma and artha. [5]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might think that some purusharthas are more important than others. [10]
- (c) 'Pursuing kama leads to adharma.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

**OR**

- 2 (a) Outline the Mahayuga. [5]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might believe that it was easier to follow dharma in the past. [10]
- (c) Assess the claim that a 'dharmic society' is an ideal that cannot be achieved. [15]
- [Total: 30]

**Section B**

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

**EITHER**

- 3 (a) Describe what is meant by samsara. [5]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might wish to be liberated from samsara. [10]
- (c) 'The only way to escape samsara is through nishkama karma.' Discuss. [15]

[Total: 30]

**OR**

- 4 'Often called the pathless path, jnana yoga is the yoga of knowledge based on the study of scripture, self study and direct enquiry, rather than following in the footsteps of a guru. Freedom is gained through the individual's own efforts at study, questioning and exploration through which the yogi ultimately achieves the ability to distinguish the real from the unreal.'
- (a) Summarise what this passage says about jnana marga. [5]
- (b) Explain the difference between the 'cat' and 'monkey' paths to moksha. [10]
- (c) Assess the claim that there is no single path to moksha. [15]

[Total: 30]

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