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**HINDUISM**

**2055/02**

Paper 2 Scriptures, Ethics and Hindu Life

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **three** questions.

Answer **one** question from **each** section.

You should read the questions **carefully**. Try to understand exactly what is being asked of you, and then write your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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**Section A: Aspects of knowledge, action and devotion**

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

- 1** (a) (i) Name the teacher in the Bhagavad Gita. [1]
- (ii) Name the person who received the teaching in the Bhagavad Gita. [1]
- (b) Describe what is meant by 'the way of knowledge' (jnana) in the Bhagavad Gita. [3]
- (c) Explain why 'the way of action' (karma) can be very difficult to follow. [5]
- (d) 'Hindus do not need to study scriptures in order to achieve liberation.'
- To what extent do you agree? Refer to the specified texts you have studied in your answer. [10]

- 2** (a) (i) Name the brother of Lord Rama who accompanied him in the forest. [1]
- (ii) Who devoted himself to serving Rama and Sita? [1]
- (b) Outline the story of why Rama went to live in the forest. [3]
- (c) Explain how the Sabrī gained the blessing of Rama. [5]
- (d) 'The Ramacharitamanas teaches the only way to liberation.'
- To what extent do you agree? Refer to the specified texts you have studied in your answer. [10]

**Section B: Hindu life and ceremonies**

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

- 3**    **(a)**    **(i)**    What does the term 'varna' mean? [1]
- (ii)**    Name **one** of the four varnas in Hindu tradition. [1]
- (b)**    How is 'varna' different from 'jati'? [3]
- (c)**    Explain the duties of **one** of the four Hindu varnas. [5]
- (d)**    'Hinduism depends on the concept of varna for the smooth running of society.'
- To what extent do you agree? You should use evidence from your study of Hindu values to support your argument. [10]
- 4**    **(a)**    **(i)**    When might Hindus observe the namakarana samskara? [1]
- (ii)**    What life event is the vivaha samskara associated with? [1]
- (b)**    Outline what happens at a namakarana ceremony. [3]
- (c)**    Explain how the vivaha samskara might help Hindus in their adult lives. [5]
- (d)**    'Modern Hindus should not be expected to observe all the traditional samskaras.'
- To what extent do you agree? 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) In which part of India was Ram Mohan Roy educated? [1]
- (ii) Name a movement founded by Ram Mohan Roy. [1]
- (b) Describe **one** reform which Ram Mohan Roy aimed to achieve for women. [3]
- (c) Explain Ram Mohan Roy's views on how Indian children should be educated. [5]
- (d) 'Swami Dayananda Saraswati did more for the advancement of India than Ram Mohan Roy.'
- To what extent do you agree? You should use evidence from your study of Indian reformers to support your argument. [10]
- 6** (a) (i) Name the profession for which M.K. Gandhi studied in London. [1]
- (ii) Name the country where Gandhi worked after leaving London. [1]
- (b) Describe Gandhi's aims in campaigning for Indian independence. [3]
- (c) Explain why Gandhi used non-violent protest to achieve his aims. [5]
- (d) 'Gandhi's teachings did not succeed in preparing Indians for the challenges of life in the 20th century.'
- To what extent do you agree? You should use evidence from your study of the life and work of M.K. Gandhi to support your argument. [10]

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