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HINDUISM

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Paper 1 Hindu Gods and Festivals

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

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: Gods

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

- 1 (a) Name **two** objects that might be held by a murti of Durga. [2]
- (b) Outline **one** story about Durga. [3]
- (c) Explain the significance of Ganesha's broken tusk to Hindus. [5]
- (d) 'The gods are the same wherever you are.'

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

- 2 (a) (i) Name the creator god. [1]
- (ii) Give **one** feature of a murti of this god. [1]
- (b) Describe **one** belief about Vishnu. [3]
- (c) Explain why Shiva might be important to Hindus. [5]
- (d) 'The Trimūrti are the most important Hindu gods.'

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

Section B: Avatars

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

- 3 (a) Name **two** companions of Rama. [2]
- (b) Outline the story of how Rama was exiled to the forest. [3]
- (c) Explain how the actions of Rama might teach Hindus how to live a good life. [5]
- (d) 'All avatars are equally important.'

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

- 4 (a) (i) Name the avatar whose teachings are in the Bhagavad Gita. [1]
- (ii) Name the person to whom these teachings were given. [1]
- (b) Outline **one** story about how Rama is helped to rescue his wife. [3]
- (c) Explain why some avatars appear in animal form. [5]
- (d) 'All Hindus should worship Rama.'

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

Section C: Festivals

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

- 5 (a) Give **two** reasons why some Hindus observe Cavadi. [2]
- (b) Describe how Ganesh Chaturthi might be celebrated by a Hindu community. [3]
- (c) Explain why not all Hindus celebrate Cavadi. [5]
- (d) 'Divali (Deepavali) is the most important Hindu festival.'

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

- 6 (a) Give **two** Hindu practices that might take place at Maha Shivaratri. [2]
- (b) Describe what is celebrated at Maha Shivaratri. [3]
- (c) Explain why lighting lamps at Divali (Deepavali) is important to some Hindus. [5]
- (d) 'Ganesh Chaturthi is important to all Hindus.'

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

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