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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

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) Name **two** beings met by Rama in the Shri Ramacharitamans of Tulsidas. [2]
- (b) Describe what the Mundaka Upanishad says about the grieving man. [3]
- (c) Explain Arjuna and Krishna's discussion about the battle in the Bhagavad Gita. [5]
- (d) 'All paths to liberation are of equal value to Hindus.'

To what extent do you agree with this view? Refer to the specified texts you have studied in your answer. [10]

- 2 (a) One path to liberation is the way of knowledge. Name **two** other paths to liberation explained in the Bhagavad Gita. [2]
- (b) Describe **one** of the three paths to liberation explained in the Bhagavad Gita. [3]
- (c) Explain how the Bhagavad Gita outlines a personal relationship with God. [5]
- (d) 'The way of knowledge is the hardest path to follow for Hindus seeking liberation.'

To what extent do you agree with this view? 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) Name **one** of the four varnas. [1]
- (ii) What is the main duty of this varna? [1]
- (b) Describe the stage of vanaprastha. [3]
- (c) Explain why dharma is important to the concept of varna. [5]
- (d) 'The purusharthas are equally important in all ashramas.'
- 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) Name **two** samskaras. [2]
- (b) Describe what happens during **one** samskara. [3]
- (c) Explain the duties of **one** of the four Hindu ashramas. [5]
- (d) 'The concept of varna is outdated in the modern world.'
- 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 Ramakrishna become a priest? [1]
- (ii) What animal did Ramakrishna worship as an aspect of the goddess Kali? [1]
- (b) Outline Ramakrishna's devotion to God. [3]
- (c) Explain what Ramakrishna meant when he said 'all religions are true'. [5]
- (d) 'Ramakrishna was focused only on his own spiritual journey.'

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 Society of Brahma. [1]
- (ii) What is the Society of Brahma more commonly known as? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** of the teachings of the Arya Samaj. [3]
- (c) Explain why the Arya Samaj emphasised education for all. [5]
- (d) 'The Arya Samaj was nothing more than a political movement.'

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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