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**GCSE**

205/07

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
SPECIFICATION A  
PAPER G  
HINDUISM**

A.M. MONDAY, 22 June 2009

1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours

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<b>Question 1 (Section A)</b>	
<b>Question 2 (Section B)</b>	
<b>Question 3 (Section B)</b>	
<b>Question 4 or 5 (Section C)</b>	
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**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A 4 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer all the questions in Sections **A** and **B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

In Section **C** answer **two** questions in the answer book provided, which should then be enclosed in this question-and-answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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

You will be awarded marks for quality of your written communication.

**SECTION A**

Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.

1. (a) What is a *mandir*? [1]

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- (b) State **one** place of Hindu pilgrimage. [1]

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- (c) What is the difference between *shruti* and *smriti* scriptures? [2]

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- (d) What do Hindus believe about Brahman? [2]

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- (e) Why do Hindus celebrate Durga Puja? [2]

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(f) What is the role of the priest in a Hindu community? [2]

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(g) What is *bhakti*? [2]

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(h) What is the *Nam Samskar* ceremony? [2]

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(i) Explain the Hindu attitude to Untouchability. [3]

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(j) Explain why many Hindus are vegetarian? [3]

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**SECTION B**

Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.

2. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow:

Holi is a spring festival, when many Hindus remember stories about when Krishna was young. He often used to play tricks on people such as throwing coloured powder and water over them.

- (a) State **two** ways the festival of Holi is celebrated.

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- (b) Why is Krishna important to Hindus?

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- (c) What is an *avatar*?

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(d) Explain the importance of the family in Hinduism.

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(e) Describe how a belief in *dharma* affects a Hindu's lifestyle.

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(f) 'Celebrating festivals is the most important part of Hinduism.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view.

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3. Study the picture below and answer the questions which follow.



Hindus praying at home

(a) State **two** items on a home shrine. [2]

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(b) What is the role of a *pujari*? [2]

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(c) What is *arti*? [2]

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(d) How might a Hindu prepare for worship?

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(e) Explain the role women are expected to play in Hinduism.

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(f) 'Hindus do not need to go to the mandir to worship.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view.

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### SECTION C

*Answer two questions.*

*Write your answers in the separate answer book provided, which should then be enclosed in this question-and-answer booklet.*

4. (a) Describe the upanayana (sacred thread) ceremony. [4]  
 (b) Explain the four ashramas in Hinduism **and** the duties associated with them. [8]  
 (c) ‘Rites of passage are not important.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

5. (a) Describe what Hindus believe about life after death. [4]  
 (b) Explain Hindu attitudes towards birth control **and** the purpose of sex. [8]  
 (c) ‘Hindu belief in life after death leads to good behaviour.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

6. (a) Describe Sita’s role in the Ramayana. [4]  
 (b) Explain Hindu attitudes towards divorce **and** remarriage. [8]  
 (c) ‘Duty to family is the most important duty in Hinduism.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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