

Cambridge O Level

HINDUISM 2055/02

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 Ramacharitamanas 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 your answer.	d in [10]
2	(a)	One path to liberation is the way of knowledge. Name two other paths to liberation explain the Bhagavad Gita.	ned [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 your answer.	d in [10]

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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)	Des	scribe the stage of vanaprastha.	[3]
	(c)	Exp	plain why dharma is important to the concept of varna.	[5]
	(d)	'Th	e purusharthas are equally important in all ashramas.'	
			what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your stud du values to support your argument.	y of [10]
4	(a)	Nar	me two samskaras.	[2]
	(b)	Des	scribe what happens during one samskara.	[3]
	(c)	Exp	plain the duties of one of the four Hindu ashramas.	[5]
	(d)	'Th	e concept of varna is outdated in the modern world.'	
			what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your stud du values to support your argument.	y of [10]

Section C: Reforms and reformers of the 18th to 20th centuries

Answer either Question 5 or Question 6.

5	(a)	(1)	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.					
	(c)	Explain what Ramakrishna meant when he said 'all religions are true'.					
	(d)) 'Ramakrishna was focused only on his own spiritual journey.'					
		To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from you Indian reformers to support your argument.					
6	(a)	(i) (ii)	Name the founder of the Society of Brahma. What is the Society of Brahma more commonly known as?	[1] [1]			
	(b)	()	scribe one of the teachings of the Arya Samaj.	[3]			
	(c)	Explain why the Arya Samaj emphasised education for all.					
	(d)	'The	e Arya Samaj was nothing more than a political movement.'				
			what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your san reformers to support your argument.	study of [10]			

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