HINDUISM

Paper 1 Hindu Gods and Festivals

SPECIMEN PAPER

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: Gods

Answer either Question 1 or Question 2.

1 (a) (i) Name one object which is held by a murti of Shiva. [1]

(ii) State what this object represents. [1]

(b) Describe how one aspect of Shiva’s nature is symbolised in a murti. [3]

(c) Explain why a Hindu might choose to worship Shiva above other gods. [5]

(d) ‘Durga is the most powerful of the 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]

2 (a) Write down two iconographical features found in images of Kartikeya. [2]

(b) Outline one story of how Ganesha came to have an elephant’s head. [3]

(c) Explain how images of Kartikeya reflect his life story. [5]

(d) ‘All Hindus should worship Ganesha.’
    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)  (i) Name the brother of Rama who ruled in Ayodhya while Rama was in exile. [1]
     (ii) Name the brother of Rama who stayed to support Rama and Sita in the forest. [1]

(b) Describe one event in Rama's life which showed that he was a god in human form. [3]

(c) Explain what Rama the avatar came to teach Hindus about devotion. [5]

(d) 'The main importance of Rama for Hindus is that he represents the ideal human being.'
    To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of avatars to support your argument. [10]

4  (a)  (i) Name one avatar of Vishnu that is an animal. [1]
     (ii) What form did Vishnu take in this incarnation? [1]

(b) Describe one tradition about Krishna's life. [3]

(c) Explain the purpose of avatars. [5]

(d) 'Only worshippers of Vishnu are guided by avatars.'
    To what extent do you agree with this view? You should use evidence from your study of avatars to support your argument. [10]
Section C: Festivals

Answer either Question 5 or Question 6.

5 (a) (i) What is meant by the term ‘fasting’? [1]

(ii) Name one Hindu festival which is observed by fasting. [1]

(b) Describe how a Hindu family might observe Divali (Deepavali). [3]

(c) Explain the reasons for the way Hindus worship during Maha Shivaratri. [5]

(d) ‘Hindu religious festivals should only be about worship.’
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) (i) What does the name Divali (Deepavali) mean? [1]

(ii) Name a god who is particularly associated with Divali (Deepavali)? [1]

(b) State three community activities associated with Divali (Deepavali). [3]

(c) Explain the purpose of sacrifice in one of the Hindu festivals you have studied. [5]

(d) ‘All Hindu religious festivals are equally important.’
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]