
HINDUISM

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Paper 1

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3 hours

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** section.

Read the questions **carefully**. Try to understand exactly what is being asked of you.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions in this paper carry 20 marks.



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Answer any **five** questions, choosing at least **one** from each section.

Section A

- 1 'Varuna is the only guardian of the cosmic law.'
Discuss.
- 2 'He only knows, or perhaps he knows not.'
Discuss this important passage from the Nasadiya Sukta.
- 3 Discuss the significance of Naciketas as a seeker after truth.

Section B

- 4 'The Ramayana's account of the life and death of Dasaratha is a lesson in moral decision-making.'
Discuss.
- 5 Discuss the view that Draupadi is the best moral example in the Mahabharata.
- 6 Assess what is meant by *dharma* in the texts of the Bhagavad Gita which you have studied.

Section C

7 To what extent is loving kindness the key teaching of the bhakti saints?

8 'Place the Name of Rama on your tongue ...'

Explain why this theme is central to the religious teaching of Tulsidasa.

9 'Surdasa's poetry presents a religion of being friends with the Lord.'

Discuss.

Section D

10 'Rammohan Roy believed social reform was more important than the practice of religion.'

Discuss.

11 To what extent was Swami Dayananda Saraswati successful in reforming Hindu society?

12 'Ramakrishna Paramahansa's profoundly personal religious experience has little significance for Hindus today.'

Discuss.

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