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HINDUISM

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Paper 2 Development of Hinduism

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

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

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Outline the relationship of the Bhagavad Gita and the Mahabharata. [5]
- (b) Explain how the main characters of the Ramayana might influence Hindus in their everyday lives. [10]
- (c) Evaluate the claim that only shruti texts are relevant to understanding Hinduism. [15]
- [Total: 30]

OR

- 2 (a) Outline the relationship between astika traditions and the Vedas. [5]
- (b) Explain why the Upanishads might be considered more important than other Vedic writings. [10]
- (c) 'It is possible to be a good Hindu without reading any sacred texts.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

- 3** (a) Summarise what is unique about Smartism. [5]
- (b) Explain the difference between monism and monotheism. [10]
- (c) Assess the claim that Smartism is a form of polytheism. [15]
- [Total: 30]

OR

- 4** (a) Outline the meaning of the phrase 'sat, chit, ananda'. [5]
- (b) Explain how murti puja might help Hindus relate to Brahman. [10]
- (c) 'In Hinduism the divine is neither masculine nor feminine.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

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