



# Cambridge International AS & A Level

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## HINDUISM

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Paper 3 Hinduism: Philosophy and Religion

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### 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) Compare the teachings of Advaita Vedanta and Dvaita Vedanta on the relationship of Brahman with the jiva atman. [12]
- (b) Evaluate the view that devotion is important in all the Vedanta philosophies. [18]
- [Total: 30]

**OR**

- 2 (a) Explain why Hinduism might be described as a pluralistic religion. [12]
- (b) Assess the claim that the question of what is or is not astika Hinduism is **not** important to most Hindus. [18]
- [Total: 30]

**Section B**

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

**EITHER**

- 3 Evaluate the claim that 'Hinduism' is **not** an appropriate name for the religion. [30]

**OR**

- 4 Evaluate the significance of Patanjali's Ashtanga Yoga for contemporary Hindus. [30]

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