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Religious Studies

Advanced

Paper 4: Study of Religion

Option 4C: Hinduism

Wednesday 20 June 2018 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference

9RS0/4C

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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1 Explore beliefs and practices associated with Rama.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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- 2 Assess the importance of the Indus Valley culture in the development of the Hindu tradition.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

The typical assumption in the Hindu tradition is that every living body is matched by a soul (sometimes called atman and sometimes purusa, or else cit or consciousness). However, in Advaita Vedanta the identity between the Divine Being and the Self is taken strictly. Consequently we all, so to speak, share the same Self. It is our limited view or projection which causes us to see separate selves. It is like a light seen through a colander. It looks like many lights when it is in fact only one. Advaita in this way shows an affinity to Buddhism, in that the latter has many individual consciousnesses but none are permanent; so at the lower or empirical level of truth we have a host of transmigrating individuals, lacking permanence.

(Source: Extract adapted from 'A Companion to Philosophy of Religion' - Part I, Chapter 1 'Hinduism', edited by Quinn, P., Taliaferro, C., and Draper, P., Blackwell, 2010, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about the nature of the 'Self'.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse key beliefs about the relationship between atman and Brahman.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- 4** Evaluate the significance of the thinking of Dayananda Saraswati in modern Hinduism.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Hinduism have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies.

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