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Monday 24 June 2024

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/4C**

Religious Studies

Advanced
PAPER 4: Study of Religion
Option 4C: Hinduism

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.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

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

1 Explore key ideas about religious pluralism in Hinduism.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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2 Assess the importance of **two** key ideas about the relative authority of Hindu scriptures.

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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.

Ashrama (life-cycle). Life is conceived as progressing through four relative stages in concentric circles, each with its own codes of conduct. Namely, studentship, requiring discipline, continence and dedication to the teacher; the householder stage, entailing marriage, family, and their obligations; the semi-retreat stage, entailing gradual withdrawal from worldly pursuits and pleasures; and renunciation, leading to total withdrawal and contemplation. The last stage marks the preparation for final liberation and shedding of egoistic as well as altruistic tendencies, since the renunciant has to exercise extreme disinterestedness. It also involves breaking with the customary patterns of family and society and becoming an autonomous individual.

(Source: extract from *Indian Ethics,* Bilimoria, P., John Wiley and Sons 1993, Edexcel Anthology)

3 (a) Clarify the ideas about the ashramas shown in this passage.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the ashramas for an understanding of Hinduism.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS

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SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

4 Evaluate the views concerning the purposes and significance of yoga across Hindu traditions.

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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(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS

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