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HINDUISM

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Paper 1 Concepts in 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 between dharma and kama. [5]
- (b) Explain how morality could be seen as relative (situational). [10]
- (c) 'Men and women should follow the same dharma.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

OR

- 2 (a) Describe what is meant by jati. [5]
- (b) Explain why different dharmic obligations caused confusion for one character mentioned in Hindu scripture. [10]
- (c) Assess the claim that varnashramadharma has no place in modern society. [15]
- [Total: 30]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3 (a) Describe what is meant by sakama karma. [5]
- (b) Explain how the accumulation of karma could prevent liberation. [10]
- (c) 'Performing good actions is the most important thing a Hindu can do.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

OR

- 4 (a) Outline the concept of moksha. [5]
- (b) Explain how jnana can help Hindus to overcome maya. [10]
- (c) Assess the claim that Hindus cannot achieve liberation through personal effort. [15]
- [Total: 30]

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