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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 main features of Sadharana Dharma. [5]
(b) Explain the relationship between karma and dharma. [10]
(c) 'It is impossible to live a dharmic life in the Kali Yuga.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

OR

- 2 (a) Outline the system of ashrama. [5]
(b) Explain how varna differs from jati. [10]
(c) 'Dharma gives clear demands to Hindus in all situations.' Discuss. [15]
- [Total: 30]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3 (a) Describe what is meant by the term 'bhakti marga'. [5]
(b) Explain why people become trapped in samsara. [10]
(c) Assess the claim that maya is the greatest obstacle to liberation. [15]

[Total: 30]

OR

- 4 (a) Describe what is meant by 'agami karma'. [5]
(b) Explain why rebirth as a human is important for achieving liberation. [10]
(c) 'Nishkama karma is the best way to achieve moksha.' Discuss. [15]

[Total: 30]

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