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Option 1E Hinduism

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded.
 Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Paper 1: Religion and Ethics 1E - Hinduism Mark Scheme - 2019

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. • Vaikuntha is the home of Vishnu (1) • Vaikuntha planets contain auspicious forests (1) • Trees in the forests grant wishes (1) • The inhabitants sing of the glories of the Lord (1) • The inhabitants are perfect in nature (1). Accept any other valid response.	Lists (maximum of one mark)	3

Question /	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(b) /	AWard one mark for providing a belief. Award a second mark for development of the belief. Up to a maximum of 4 marks. • The atman is the immortal self (1). It can be found in all living beings (1) • Some say the atman is Brahman (1) and it can give humans characteristics of the divine (1) • The atman cannot be found in the body (1) an Upanishad teaches 'the ignorant one thinks that the self can be known by the intellect' (Kena Upanishad II:3) (1).	 Repeated belief/ development Development that does not relate both to the belief given and to the question. 	4

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1(c)	Award one mark for each teaching. Award further marks for each development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. • The universe came into existence before the gods or humans (1), the Rig Veda says 'nor was there aught immortal' (10.129.2) (1) and 'The Gods are later than this world's production' (10.129.6) (1) • It is not possible to know how the world was created (1) the Rig Veda 10.129.7 teaches 'he verily knows it, or perhaps he knows not' (1) this is in line with scientific cosmology (1) • The Hindu cosmology describes a cycle of creation and destruction (1). The Prashasta Pada says that 'after a cycle of universal dissolution, the Supreme Being decides to recreate the cosmos' (1) very much like the scientific concepts of Big Bang and crunch (1).	 Repeated teaching / development Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the teaching given. 	
	Accept any other valid response.		5

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1(d)	AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks	
	Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.	
	AO2	
	 Arguments for the statement: Hindus have a duty to worship in the most efficacious way that they can and by focussing on the murti a Hindu can concentrate on the features of the divine Some Hindus think that they are able to communicate with the divine through the use of the murti especially because the murtis have been blessed or may be found in a temple Worship using murtis may help improve their relationship with the divinity in question, once the murti has been blessed it contains the spirit of the divine and thus using a murti is not only appropriate but desirable. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Learning about the divine must come from within, thus a murti is a distraction. Hindus should avoid the use of anything that stimulates the senses during worship Hindus should not worship idols, use of a murti may lead to this, instead they should concentrate on other forms of learning about the divine such as yoga and meditation which focus on the atman Some feel that there is no need for murtis and the divine dwells in all living things and that it would be better to recognise the spirit within rather than in a statue. 	
	Accept any other valid response.	
	Candidates who do not consider different viewpoints within the religious tradition or non-religious viewpoints (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.	
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Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable response.
Level 1	1–3	 Information/issues are identified and make superficial connections among a limited range of elements in the question, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 2	4-6	 Superficial connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question, underpinned by a limited understanding of religion and belief. Judgements of a limited range of elements in the question are made. Judgements are supported by an attempt to appraise evidence, much of which may be superficial, leading to a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 3	7–9	 Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by an accurate understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial, leading to a partially justified conclusion.
Level 4	10-12	 Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by a sustained, accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among the full range of elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

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N	Marks	Descriptors
 No marks awarded The candidate writes nothing. The candidate's response does not relate to the question. The candidate's achievement in SPaG does not reach the threshold performance level, for example errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar severely hinder meaning. 		 The candidate's response does not relate to the question. The candidate's achievement in SPaG does not reach the threshold performance level, for example errors in spelling,
1 marks	Threshold performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with reasonable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with some control of meaning and any errors do not significantly hinder meaning overall. Candidates use a limited range of specialist terms as appropriate.
2 marks	Intermediate performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with general control of meaning overall. Candidates use a good range of specialist terms as appropriate.
3 marks	High performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with effective control of meaning overall. Candidates use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate.

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(a)	AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. • Marriage fulfils Hindu duty (1) • Marriage joins two people for life (1) • It allows the couple to express kama (1) • For many Hindus it is an important samskar (1) • Marriage is expected in the householder stage of life (1).	Lists (maximum of one mark)	
	Accept any other valid response.		3

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(b)	 AWard one mark for providing a way. Award a second mark for development of the way. Up to a maximum of four marks. The local Hindu community may run youth groups for children to meet (1) because they share a belief this will strengthen their faith (1) The temple may run scripture classes (1) this helps the family understand their faith (1) They may organise celebrations in which all the family may participate (1) for example Raksha Bandhan which celebrates the brother-sister relationship (1). 	 Repeated way/ development Development that does not relate both to the way given and to the question. 	
	Accept any other valid response.		4

Award one mark for each teaching. Award further marks for each development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. It is skilled to control the desires of the body (1) the Bhagavad Gita 3.43 teaches 'subdue the self (senses, mind, and intellect) by the self (strength of the soul), and kill this formidable enemy called lust' (1) showing that it is good to plan families (1) It is part of Hindu duty to have children (1) thus family planning should not be used to limit family size (1) the Vedas teach 'Through a son he conquers the worlds, through a grandson he obtains immortality' Baudhayana Sutra 2.9.16.3) (1) The Vedas describe Garbhadhan Sanskar which is used as natural family planning (1) and Hindus may choose to do this to ensure a happy family (1) so there is no ban on contraception in Hinduism (1).	Question		Reject	Mark
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2(d)	AO2 12 marks		
	Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.		
	AO2		
	Arguments for the statement:		
	Hindus have a duty to complete all the ashrama in their lives and one element of the householder ashrama is to procreate, it is a duty for a Hindu to raise children as Hindus		
	One of the purposes of marriage is to procreate, it is the correct place to enjoy kama, one of the purusharthas, and the natural result of sexual activities is procreation		
	Having children is regarded as a blessing, the Upanishads explain that by having children and great grandchildren one can obtain immortality.		
	Arguments against the statement:		
	Marriage is a duty; the most important part of life is not to procreate but to ensure the well-being of all in the family so it may be that the role a person has is to be a devoted daughter or son		
	There are many ashrama in life and therefore these are all more important than procreating, a person's duty changes depending on what stage in life they are		
	It may be that some Hindus cannot procreate or find themselves in a situation whereby it would be difficult to raise children, for these people it cannot be that procreation is the most important part of life.		
	Accept any other valid response.		
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3(a)	AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. • Hindus recognise the female in the divine (1) • They allow girls to become Brahmachairni (1) • They have outlawed the practice of sati (1) • They encourage women to be involved in politics (1) • They recognise women's rights lead to balance in the world (1).	Lists (maximum of one mark).	
	Accept any other valid response.		3

Question number	Answer Reject		Mark
3(b)	AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four marks. • A Hindu may worship at home as it is easier to focus (1) there are no distractions in the home as it is quiet (1) • It is more personal worshipping at home (1) as Hindus can set up their own area for puja with their own murti (1) • It may be more convenient to worship at home (1) not all Hindus are able to live near a temple to participate in worship (1).	Repeated reason/ development Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question.	
	Accept any other valid response.		4

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(c)	Award one mark for each reason. Award further marks for each development of the reason up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. • Cow protection is important as cows provide for humans (1) there is a relationship between the cow providing milk and thus butter for cooking for the human to survive (1) the Rig Veda teaches 'deprives others of milk slaughtering cows, O King, if such a fiend does not desist by other means, then you should not hesitate to cut off his head' (1) • Hindu scriptures denounce the killing of all animals especially cows (1) 'He who eats flesh, kills living beings through his eating' (Mahabharata 115.38) (1) thus it is impure to not be vegetarian and protect the life of living things (1) • It is important to protect all animals as they all contain the spark of the divine (1) taking the life of another is considered sinful (1) "He who injures harmless creatures from a wish to give himself pleasure, never finds happiness in this life or the next." (Manusamhita 5.45) (1).	Repeated reason/ development Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the reason given.	
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	AO2	
	 Arguments for the statement: Meditation is a form of worship which has direct spiritual benefits, it enables the worshipper to meet the divine through their inner self Meditation is a type of worship that is recommended in the Hindu scriptures. In the Bhagavad Gita Krishna instructs Arjuna that to meet Brahman he must meet the inner self (atman) Meditation has physical benefits, it allows the person to come to self-realisation which has mental benefits which in turn can help the person physically. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Meditation is too difficult to do in a busy world, to be still and concentrate is not possible, it is easier to do other forms of worship which provide a focus e.g. murti puja Meditation could be regarded as selfish. It concentrates on the self, the inner self and points inwardly, whereas it can be said that worship should be outward The best form of worship is communal, this prayer especially in the temple is meritorious and will gain spiritually for one's self and for others. 	
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4(a)	 AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three. All animals contain a spark of the divine (1) A person will gain negative karma if they treat animals badly (1) Ahimsa, violence against living things, is wrong (1) All living things have an atman (1) All living things should be respected (1). 	Lists (maximum of one mark).	
	Accept any other valid response.		3

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
4(b)	 AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing a response. Award a second mark for development of the response. Up to a maximum of four marks. Hindus respond in a practical way to reduce pollution (1) they will avoid using aircraft to reduce their carbon footprint (1) They will reduce their use of natural resources (1) by trying to recycle (1) They will try to reduce climate change (1) by educating the Hindu community about global warming (1). 	 Repeated response/ development Development that does not relate both to the response given and to the question. 	
	Accept any other valid response.		4

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
4(c)	 AO1 5 marks Award one mark for each reason. Award further marks for each development of the reason up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. Life is holy because it contains the atman (1) this is a spark of the divine (1) 'Know the atman as the lord of the chariot, the body as only the chariot' (Katha Upanishad 1.3.3) (1) Hindus believe that all living things are part of one universal entity (1) thus violence to living things is wrong (1) 'these are the saintly virtues of those endowed with a divine nature—fearlessness, purity of mind, nonviolence' (Bhagavad Gita 16.1-2) (1) It is holy because by treating life well you create good karma (1) the Bhagavad Gita teaches 'one who does good, My friend, is never overcome by evil' (6.40) (1) by treating other life as holy a person may improve their own eternal life (1). Accept any other valid response. 	 Repeated reason/ development Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the reason given. 	5
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	 Arguments against the statement: Some non-religious people suggest that there is a lack of evidence for reincarnation. If there is a finite number of souls then why is the world population growing? Some would say that whilst life after death might be plausible for Hindus, it is not easy to believe in, it requires an element of belief that a non-religious person may not have Some would say that there is no scientific evidence to prove that life after death has occurred and that events like remembered lives have other explanations. 	
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