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**Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)**

**Tuesday 13 May 2025**

Morning (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes) **Paper reference** **1RB0/1E**

**Religious Studies B**

**PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Religion and Ethics**

**Option 1E – 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.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

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

Question 1: Hindu Beliefs

- 1 (a) Outline **three** features of varnashrama dharma.

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- (b) Explain **two** ways that Hindus show belief in Saguna Brahman.

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(c) Explain **two** ways Hindu scriptures show that Brahman is spirit.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

\*(d) "The material world stops people attaining moksha."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Hindu teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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## Question 2: Marriage and the Family

2 (a) Outline **three** Hindu teachings about family planning.

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(b) Explain **two** Hindu beliefs about the role of men and women in the family.

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(c) Explain **two** Hindu beliefs about gender prejudice and discrimination.  
In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "The local Hindu community must support families."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Hindu teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 3: Living the Hindu Life

3 (a) Outline **three** places where Hindus may worship.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why a Hindu may go on a pilgrimage to Vrindavana.

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(c) Explain **two** ways that Hindus may worship in the space of the heart.  
In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

\*(d) "Physical acts of worship are better than meditation."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Hindu teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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#### Question 4: Matters of Life and Death

- 4 (a) Outline **three** reasons why Hindus might regard human life as holy.

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- (b) Explain **two** ways Hindu teachings about the origins of the universe agree with scientific explanations.

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(c) Explain **two** Hindu teachings about abortion.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Everyone should reject non-religious arguments against life after death."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Hindu teachings
- refer to non-religious points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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