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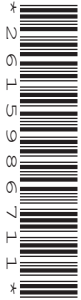
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Paper 1

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3 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Fill in the grid on the front page of the answer booklet to show which questions you have answered.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** section.

Read the questions **carefully**. Try to understand exactly what is being asked of you.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry 20 marks.

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Answer any **five** questions, choosing at least **one** from each section.

Section A

1 'Agni is loved, but Varuna is feared.'

To what extent do the characters of these Vedic gods uphold this view?

2 'The Nasadiya Sukta is a hymn not of doubt but of faith.'

Discuss this view, with reference to the text.

3 'The Upanishads teach that there is only one goal to strive for: understanding of the Self.'

Discuss with reference to the Upanishads you have studied.

Section B

4 'As a role-model for Hindu women, Draupadi is superior to Sita.'

Discuss.

5 Does Krishna's teaching to Arjuna on the battlefield still hold for people today?

Give reasons to support your views.

6 'The Ramayana teaches that all, without exception, are subject to the law of karma.'

To what extent is this true?

Section C

- 7 Explain why Nammalvar says of 'the sages' that
'... all their toil
Has measured not the greatness of my lord:
Their wisdom's light is but a wretched lamp.'
- 8 'Tulsidasa's main aim is to succeed as a teacher rather than as a poet.'
Discuss.
- 9 On what grounds can Surdasa's accounts of the playful elements of Lord Krishna's early life be considered 'devotional'?

Section D

- 10 'M.K.Gandhi based all of his aims for reform on Hindu principles.'
Discuss.
- 11 'Rammohan Roy rightly deserves to be honoured as "Raja"'.
Discuss.
- 12 'India could not progress without adopting Western ideas.'
Discuss with reference to the views of reformers of the 19th and 20th centuries.

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