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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.

Every question is marked out of 20.

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 equal marks.



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Answer **one** question from **each** section plus **one** question.

Section A

- 1 'No Purusha is bound or liberated, nor does any transmigrate; it is prakriti, abiding in manifold forms, that is bound, liberated and migrates.'

(Samkhya Karika)

Explore the means of liberation/moksha according to the Samkhya/Yoga philosophy.

- 2 'The universe is nothing but the evolution of Prakriti out of Purusha.'

In the light of this quotation explain the Samkhya view of causation.

- 3 'For Ramanuja, taking refuge in and following the will of God, not realisation of an impersonal Absolute, is the essence of Vedanta.' Critically consider the ways in which Ramanuja understood Brahman.

- 4 'Sankara teaches that Brahman is knowledge alone.'

Discuss the importance of 'jnana' for Sankara.

Section B

- 5 'Jainism is just an offshoot of Hinduism and has no distinctive philosophy.'

Discuss.

- 6 'Right Mindfulness is the foundation of the Noble Eightfold Path.'

Discuss this view.

- 7 'The Theravada Buddhists' view of 'anatta' is an essential part of their theory of karma and rebirth.'

Evaluate this view.

Section C

- 8 'Lakshmi as the 'shakti' of Vishnu no longer plays a central role in Hinduism.'

Discuss.

- 9 'Symbolised by the A and M of AUM/Om, respectively, Vishnu and Siva are the main deities of Hinduism.'

Discuss.

- 10 'Murtis are an outward sign to lead the worshipper to the inward Reality.'

Discuss.

Section D

- 11 'The origins and purposes of the four varnas are of little relevance to a country where one sixth of the population are Dalits/outcasts.'

Discuss.

- 12 'For any society, the foundation is dharma.'

Discuss.

- 13 'He who sees himself in all creatures and all creatures in himself knows no sorrow.'
(Isa Upanisad 6)

In the light of this verse, consider reasons why a Hindu might treat other people with compassion.

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