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KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

HINDU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Theory)

TERM 2 ENDTERM 2025

710: HRE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name and assessment number in the spaces provided above.
2. Write the name and code of your school in the spaces provided above.
3. Sign and write the date of the assessment in the spaces provided above.
4. This paper consists of two sections: A and B.
5. Section A comprises Multiple Choice Questions numbered 1 to 20.
6. Section B comprises short, structured questions number 21 to 28, each with a scenario.
7. Answer ALL the questions in section A on the separate ANSWER SHEET provided.
8. Answer ALL the questions in section B in the spaces provided in this QUESTION PAPER.
9. Do NOT remove any page from this question paper.
10. Answer ALL the questions in English. Standard Hindu terms may be used.

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SECTION B

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SECTION B	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
Maximum Score	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Candidate's Score								
Total								/80

This paper consists of 9 printed pages.

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

SECTION A (20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

Please read these instructions carefully

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. This section consists of 20 multiple choice questions.
2. Answer ALL questions in this section on the ANSWER SHEET provided, NOT on the question paper.
3. Do all the necessary rough work on the question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use an ordinary HB pencil.
5. Confirm that the answer sheet you have been provided with has the following: YOUR ASSESSMENT NUMBER YOUR NAME NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL NAME OF THE SUBJECT
6. Keep the answer sheet clean and dry. DO NOT fold it.
7. For each of the questions 1 – 20, four answers are given. The answers are lettered A, B, C and D. In each case, only ONE of the four choices is correct. Choose the correct answer.
8. On the answer sheet, the correct answer is to be shown by drawing a DARK LINE inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example

In the Question Paper:

17. Which Hindu festival is known as the "Festival of Colours"?

- A. Diwali
- B. Holi
- C. Navratri
- D. Janmashtami

The correct answer is 'B'.

On the answer sheet, In the set of boxes numbered 17, draw a DARK LINE inside the box with the letter C printed in it as marked below.

17. [A] [**B**] [C] [D]

Your dark line MUST be inside the box. DO NOT make any marks outside the boxes.

For each question, ONLY ONE box is to be marked.

SECTION A (20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

1. The ultimate reality or absolute truth in Hinduism is called
 - A. Atman.
 - B. Dharma.
 - C. Brahman.
 - D. Karma.
2. The individual soul or self within each living being is known as
 - A. Brahman.
 - B. Atman.
 - C. Maya.
 - D. Moksha.
3. Which deity is considered the preserver and protector of the universe?
 - A. Lord Brahma
 - B. Lord Vishnu
 - C. Lord Shiva
 - D. Goddess Durga
4. The sacred scriptures of Hinduism are collectively known as
 - A. Puranas.
 - B. Vedas.
 - C. Epics.
 - D. Upanishads.
5. The story of Lord Rama and Sita is told in which epic?
 - A. Mahabharata
 - B. Ramayana
 - C. Bhagavad Gita
 - D. Puranas
6. What is the name for the act of worship or prayer performed by Hindus?
 - A. Yoga
 - B. Meditation
 - C. Puja
 - D. Aarti
7. Which place of worship for Hindus is also a community centre?
 - A. Temple
 - B. Mosque
 - C. Church
 - D. Synagogue
8. The belief that actions have consequences is known as the law of
 - A. Dharma.
 - B. Karma.
 - C. Moksha.
 - D. Samsara.
9. The cycle of birth, death, and rebirth is called
 - A. Moksha.
 - B. Nirvana.
 - C. Samsara.
 - D. Yoga.
10. Which Hindu festival is known as the "Festival of Lights"?
 - A. Holi
 - B. Navratri
 - C. Diwali
 - D. Janmashtami
11. Showing kindness and avoiding harm to all living beings is the principle of
 - A. Satya.
 - B. Ahimsa.
 - C. Dharma.
 - D. Dana.
12. A spiritual teacher or guide in Hinduism is called a
 - A. Priest.
 - B. Swami.
 - C. Guru.
 - D. Pandit.
13. The offering made to the deities during Puja is called
 - A. Bhakti.
 - B. Prasad.
 - C. Bhajan.
 - D. Mantra.
14. Chanting of sacred sounds or verses is known as
 - A. Aarti.
 - B. Bhajan.
 - C. Kirtan.
 - D. Mantra.
15. Which quality means truthfulness in thought, word, and deed?
 - A. Ahimsa
 - B. Satya
 - C. Daya
 - D. Dana
16. The Hindu value of giving generously is called
 - A. Tapasya.
 - B. Dana.
 - C. Seva.
 - D. Kshama.

17. Helping others without expecting anything in return is known as

- A. Seva.
- B. Bhakti.
- C. Dana.
- D. Tapasya.

18. The concept of Dharma refers to

- A. rituals only.
- B. wealth accumulation.
- C. duty, righteousness, and moral conduct.
- D. liberation.

19. Cleanliness of the body and mind is an important aspect of Hindu practice known as

- A. Tapas.
- B. Santosha.
- C. Shaucha.
- D. Svadhyaya.

20. The Hindu festival celebrated with colours is

- A. Diwali.
- B. Holi.
- C. Raksha Bandhan.
- D. Dussehra.

SECTION B (80 marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

21. Your younger sibling is confused about the different images and statues of gods and goddesses in the Mandir. They ask why Hindus worship so many deities if they believe in one ultimate reality.

(a) Explain the Hindu concept of Brahman as the ultimate reality. (4 marks)

(b) How are the various deities (like Vishnu, Shiva, Durga) understood in relation to Brahman? (4 marks)

(c) State two reasons why Hindus use Murtis in worship. (2 marks)

22. Your class is discussing the importance of sacred texts in different religions. Your friend wants to know about the main scriptures of Hinduism.

(a) Name the four main Vedas. (4 marks)

(b) Explain the importance of the Vedas in Hindu Dharma. (4 marks)

(c) Give two examples of other important Hindu scriptures besides the Vedas. (2 marks)

23. It is a major Hindu festival like Diwali. Your family is busy performing Puja at the home altar.

(a) Describe the steps involved in performing a simple home Puja. (5 marks)

(b) State three items commonly used in a Puja ceremony. (3 marks)

(c) Give two reasons why performing Puja is important for Hindus. (2 marks)

24. You are participating in a community clean-up activity. Some people are carelessly stepping on insects or harming small animals.

(a) Explain the Hindu principle of Ahimsa. (3 marks)

(b) How does the principle of Ahimsa apply to our relationship with all living beings, including small animals? (4 marks)

(c) State three ways you can practice Ahimsa in your daily life at school or home. (3 marks)

25. You did something wrong and are considering lying to avoid trouble. (a) Explain the Hindu value of Satya (truthfulness). (3 marks)

(b) State four reasons why it is important to always speak the truth, even when it is difficult. (4 marks)

(c) Give three consequences of telling lies. (3 marks)

26. Your teacher explains that Hindus believe in reincarnation and the concept of Karma. You find it confusing.

(a) Explain the Hindu concept of Karma. (3 marks)

(b) How is the law of Karma related to the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth (Samsara)? (4 marks)

(c) State three ways understanding Karma can influence a person's actions. (3 marks)

27. Your friend asks why Hindus have so many festivals throughout the year. (a) Name any four major Hindu festivals celebrated in Kenya. (4 marks)

(b) Outline four significances of celebrating Hindu festivals. (4 marks)

(c) Choose any one festival you named in (a) and state two ways it is celebrated. (2 marks)

28. An elderly person in your neighborhood needs help carrying groceries.

(a) Explain the Hindu value of *Seva* (*selfless service*). (3 marks)

(b) State four reasons why performing *Seva* is important in Hindu Dharma. (4 marks)

(c) Give three ways you can practice *Seva* in your school or community. (3 marks)
