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**Tuesday 13 May 2025 – Morning**

**GCSE (9–1) Religious Studies**

**J625/05 Hinduism**

**Beliefs and teachings & Practices**

**Time allowed: 1 hour**



No extra materials are needed.



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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Answer **all** the questions.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **63**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and the use of specialist terminology will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎).
- This document has **12** pages.

### ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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(a) Outline what is meant by the term **trigunas**.

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(b) Outline the concept of Nirguna Brahman.

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(c) Outline **one** custom associated with Diwali.

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**(d)** Describe how detachment might lead to freedom from samsara.

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- (e) 'Men and women are equal according to Hindu teachings.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Hinduism
- refer to sources of wisdom and authority. [1]

**[15]**

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

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(a) Describe what kriyamana karma is.

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(b) Describe the work of Sewa International (Sewa UK).

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(c) Describe the role of a murti in worship.

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**(e)\*** 'Ahimsa is the most important virtue for Hindus.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Hinduism
- refer to sources of wisdom and authority. [1]

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