

GCSE

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Part A Unit 1

A Study of Hinduism Revision Checklist



Part A Hinduism – Core beliefs, teachings and practices

| Content Beliefs | Covered in class or as homework | I'm not sure | I'm getting there | I've got it 😊 | Links to other topics | Key words linked to this topic | Possible sources of wisdom and authority |
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| <p><i>Brahman and atman:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brahman as the Universal soul, source of all life • Brahman as one and as many • Brahman in all things • Atman (soul), atman as indestructible and eternal • Relationship between Brahman and atman – e.g. like salt in water | | | | | | | |
| <p><i>Hindu Gods:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature AND role of the Trimurti – Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva • Diversity within Hinduism between Vaishnavism and Shaivism • Concept of avatar with reference to stories about Krishna and Rama • Role and importance of gods and goddesses to Hindus, in particular the stories of Ganesh and Hanuman | | | | | | | |

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| <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The features AND importance of daily puja in the home • The features AND importance of congregational puja in the mandir: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - devotions to the murti, - arti - havan • Diversity in Vaishnavite and Shaivite worship • The significance of bhakti • The role, importance AND features of pilgrimage to Varanasi | | | | | | | |

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| <p><i>Rites of Passage:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship with varnashramadharma • Birth and childhood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nam Samskar (naming) - Mundane (shaving) - Initiation – upanaya (sacred thread ceremony) - features of the ceremony AND associated symbolism • Marriage - features of ceremony AND associated symbolism • Death – cremation AND associated rituals and symbolism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - role of the elder son - breaking of skull for atman's release - spreading of ashes | | | | | | | |
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