2

Answer **two** questions.

1  (a)  Explain the importance of ritual within the Vedas.  [25]
       (b)  ‘The Vedas’ only importance is showing how to perform rituals correctly.’ Discuss.  [10]

2  (a)  Explain the origins of the varnashramadharma system.  [25]
       (b)  ‘The Purusha Sukta indicates that the varnashramadharma system has divine rather than
            social origins.’ Discuss.  [10]

3  (a)  Explain the concept of Brahman.  [25]
       (b)  To what extent can it be argued that there is no meaningful relationship between atman and
            Brahman?  [10]

4  (a)  Explain the importance of Siva within Hinduism.  [25]
       (b)  ‘Siva is worshipped out of fear not love.’ Discuss.  [10]