2022 IBSL World Religions

**HINDUISM SEMINAR & PAPER 1 PRACTICE**

**Directions:** Remember that 60% of your grade this semester is “SEMINARS & Paper 1 and 2 Practice Answers.” 20% for Hinduism; 20% for Buddhism, and 20% for Taoism. Your IB AG and PG also mostly come from your performance on these seminars and written answer. Our first Seminar on Hinduism is next week:

5% of your grade is your participation during the in-class seminar on Thursday 9/23. (If you are absent from class that day then you do not get a grade for that 5%)

The remaining 15% of your grade is from TWO separate Paper #1 Answers you must write. YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FIRST PAPER 1 ANSWER ON THURSDAY 9/23 AND YOU SUBMIT THE SECOND PAPER 1 ANSWER ON MONDAY 9/26

You may choose to answer any of the following Hinduism Paper 1 Questions. If you answer more than 2 questions then you may earn extra credit points towards your grade! You may handwrite your answers or type your answers.

**Remember 1 Answer is due at the start of class on Thursday 9/23 and Another different Answer is due at the start of class on Monday 9/26.**

Plagiarism will result in immediate grades of 0 and disciplinary action. You must write these answers all by yourself and in your own words. Do NOT copy any ideas from another source. Of course you can- and should- use primary document sacred texts quotes and passages (which you should identify). But do NOT copy secondary source commentary or ideas from another source.

You must answer TWO of the following FOUR Paper 1 Options:

**OPTION 1**

“Those who remember me at the time of death will come to me. Do not doubt this. Whatever occupies the mind at the time of death determines the destination of dying; always they will tend towards that state of being. Therefore remember me at all times and fight on. With your heart and mind one-pointed through regular practice of meditation, you will find the supreme glory of the Lord.” -Bhagavad-Gita.

1. 3 points: Identify three beliefs which can be found within the above passage.
2. 6 points: Explain according to Hinduism how one might ‘find the supreme glory of the Lord’ and embark on the path to moksha.

**OPTION 2**

This is my lower nature;

But beyond this, I have another,

Higher nature; the life

That sustains all beings in the world.

Know that it is the womb

From which all beings arise;

The universe is born within me,

And within me will be destroyed.

-The Bhagavad Gita

1. 3 points: Identify three beliefs which can be found within the above passage.
2. 6 points: Explain how the above passage relates to Hinduism’s understanding of God?

**OPTION 3**

“According as (the self) acts and according as it behaves, so it becomes: by doing good it becomes good, and by doing evil it becomes evil. It becomes virtuous through virtuous action, and evil through evil action…As is its desire, so is its resolution; and as is its resolution, so is its deed, and whatever deed it does, that it reaps.” -The Vedas.

1. 3 points: Identify three beliefs which can be found within the above passage.
2. 6 points: Explain how Hinduism understands and comments on ethics and ethical behavior.

**OPTION 4**

“And he who sees everything in his atman, and his atman in everything, does not seek to hide himself from that, in whom all beings have become one with his own atman. What perplexity, what sorrow, is there when he sees this oneness? He (the self) pervades all, resplendent, bodiless, woundless, without muscles, pure, untoched by evil; far-seeing, transcendent, self-being, disposing ends through perpetual ages.” -Isha Upanishad, Hymns 6-8

1. 3 points: Identify three beliefs which can be found within the above passage.
2. 6 points: Discuss the ways in which belief in an afterlife affects the lives of a Hindu practitioner.