Saivite Hindu Religion
Book Four Examination (Intermediate)

Time Allowed: Two Hours

Instructions

1. Write your name in the top right-hand box on the front cover of your Answer Book.

2. Write your answers in the special Answer Book provided.

3. Answer all questions

Summary of Questions

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SECTION A

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each question is followed by four answers represented by the letters A, B, C, D. You must decide which is the best answer.

2. On the ANSWER SHEET put a circle round the letter of the best answer. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, put a line through your first circle and draw a circle round the letter of your next choice.

   For example:

   23  A  B  C  D

3. If you change your mind again and like your first answer better, put a line through your second circle and tick your first answer.

   For example:

   23  A  B  C  D

4. No marks will be given if you circle more than one letter for a question.
1. Which God do we worship first?
   A. Lord Muruga
   B. Lord Ganesha
   C. Lord Siva
   D. Lord Vishnu

2. Who is our first guru?
   A. Our brothers and sisters
   B. Our grandparents
   C. Our aunts and uncles
   D. Our parents

3. On the Hindu New Year we most especially
   A. Prostrate to parents and receive gifts from elders
   B. Go to friends’ homes
   C. Visit the temple
   D. Stay home from school

4. A kolam is a
   A. Water pot
   B. Spear
   C. Design in rice flour on the ground
   D. Tower in front of temple

5. The gopuram is
   A. The God in the temple
   B. Nandi the bull
   C. The temple entrance tower
   D. The flag pole

6. Lord Ganesha’s goad makes us
   A. Take action now
   B. Forget our plans
   C. Wait for while
   D. Pray to another God
7. "Nama Sivaya" means
   A. "Praise to Lord Muruga"
   B. "Please help me"
   C. "Give me a boon"
   D. "Praise to God Siva"

8. How many Hindus are there in the world?
   A. 100 million
   B. 400 million
   C. Nearly a billion
   D. 2 billion

9. Which is the oldest religion in the world?
   A. Buddhism
   B. Christianity
   C. Islam
   D. Hinduism

10. What is "pradakshina"?
    A. Singing bhajan
    B. Worshipping at the kodimaram
    C. Taking the flame
    D. Walking three times around the temple

11. We receive vibhuti, holy ash, in
    A. Our left hand with our right hand underneath
    B. Our right hand with our left hand by our side
    C. Our right hand with our left hand underneath
    D. Our left hand with our right hand by our side

12. We put vibhuti first on our
    A. Forehead
    B. Throat
    C. Arms
    D. Wrists
13. Nandi is  
   A. a beautiful peacock  
   B. a large white bull  
   C. a tiny mouse  
   D. a red rooster

14. A Sivalinga is  
   A. the temple tower  
   B. a flagpole  
   C. a rounded stone set in a base  
   D. the inner sanctum

15. How many Supreme Gods are there?  
   A. One only, called by different names  
   B. As many as we want to believe in  
   C. Three—Brahma, Vishnu and Siva  
   D. Two—Vishnu and Siva

16. What is a requirement for a satguru?  
   A. He must have many disciples  
   B. He must be from India  
   C. He must have seen God  
   D. He must be rich

17. What is the oldest book in the world?  
   A. The Vedas  
   B. The Mahabharata  
   C. The Bible  
   D. The Koran

18. In the story of the sadhu and the king, why did the sadhu leave without asking for money?  
   A. Because the king, though rich, was a beggar just like him  
   B. Because the king did not have enough money  
   C. Because the king was going to refuse to give him money  
   D. Because the minister sent him away
19. Who are devas?
   A. temple priests
   B. bad people
   C. Gods
   D. Souls who live in heaven

20. "Karma" is best defined as
   A. the proper order of the universe
   B. the law of cause and effect
   C. fate
   D. nonviolence

21. In the story of the sage and the little boys, why did the sage not pay attention to the rocks thrown at him?
   A. Because he knew the boys were only making bad karma for themselves
   B. Because the boys missed
   C. Because he was asleep
   D. Because he was afraid of them

22. What is "Mahesvara Puja"?
   A. The Hindu New Year
   B. A temple festival
   C. A kind of pilgrimage
   D. A free--feeding for devotees

23. How did the devotees find where to build a Ganesha temple in New York City?
   A. A rishi in India told them where to go
   B. Someone told them where
   C. They looked for an inexpensive place to buy
   D. One saw the actual place in a dream

24. Why did Saint Appar clean the temple grounds?
   A. To teach the temple management a lesson
   B. Because they were very dirty
   C. To worship Lord Siva by service
   D. He had nothing else to do before puja
25. What does "Saivam" mean?
   A. "vegetarian"
   B. "meat-eater"
   C. "go on a fast"
   D. "go on pilgrimage"

26. Our soul is a body made of
   A. water
   B. light
   C. flesh
   D. minerals

27. The priests in the picture are
   A. performing a homa
   B. cooking dinner
   C. talking with their friends
   D. singing bhajans

28. "Reincarnation" means
   A. to die and go to heaven forever
   B. to be reborn in a physical body
   C. to die and go to hell forever
   D. to have only one life

29. In the story of Markandeya, why did he not die?
   A. Because his parents pleaded with the God of Death
   B. Because he was worshipping Lord Siva
   C. Because he hid when Death came
   D. Because he begged the God of Death for his life

30. A rudraksha is
   A. a stone from a river in India
   B. a round, reddish seed sacred to Saivites
   C. holy ash
   D. a kind of ghee
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Total for section A

(Turn for Section B)
SECTION B  (40 marks)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your answer in the spaces provided

2. Answer ALL the questions.

QUESTION 1

(a) Below is a picture of Lord Siva Nataraja. Match the items in Column 1 with the correct meaning from Column 2. Write the letters of the correct answers in the boxes provided beside the items in Column 1.

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<td>(v) raised right foot represents</td>
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<td>F. power of creation</td>
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(5 marks)
(b) Read the following questions carefully and write down the answers in the space provided.

(i) What is the name of the bull that Lord Siva rides upon?
____________________________________________ (1 mark)

(ii) The Ardhanarishvara form of Lord Siva is
____________________________________________ (1 mark)

(iii) The big Siva festival when we stay up all night is called
____________________________________________ (1 mark)

(iv) The most sacred mantra or word for Saivites is
____________________________________________ (1 mark)

(v) The home of Lord Siva in the Himalayas is
____________________________________________ (1 mark) 
(5 marks)

c. Fill the blank spaces with the correct words from the list given below.

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(i) Saint Appar was cured by ___________________.

(ii) The gopuram is the temple ___________________.

(iii) Every Siva temple has a ___________________.

(iv) St. Sambandar sang songs to Siva when he was a ___________________.

(v) The most important sacred sound is ___________________. (5 marks)
Question Two

(a) Match the items in Column 1 with the correct meaning from Column 2. Write the letters of the correct answers in the boxes provided beside the items in Column 1.

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Column 1
(i) Lord Ganesha’s elephant head makes him
(ii) Lord Muruga’s Vel chases away the
(iii) Lord Ganesha rides upon a
(iv) Lord Muruga rides upon a
(v) Lord Ganesha loves to eat

Column 2
A. mouse
B. sweets
C. easy to recognize
D. peacock
E. asuras
F. bananas

(5 marks)

(b) Read the following questions carefully and write down the answers in the space provided.

(i) After we pray to Him, how does Lord Ganesha let us know to go ahead or not with something we want to do?

____________________________________________     (1 mark)

(ii) In the story of Namby and Ganesha, Ganesha finally had to

____________________________________________     (1 mark)

(iii) In South India there are six famous temples to

____________________________________________     (1 mark)

(iv) The devas live in

____________________________________________     (1 mark)

(4 marks)
Question Three

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<td>(iii) going without food is called</td>
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<td>(iv) Every Hindu home has a home</td>
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<td>(v) We get a better birth by following</td>
<td>E. sadhana</td>
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(b) Read the following questions carefully and write down the answers in the space provided.

(i) Name one thing we do before we go to the temple?

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

(ii) If we ask advice from a guru then we must

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

(iii) Inviting devotees to your home and feeding them is called

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

(iv) In Hindu culture we always treat our elders

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

(4 marks)
c. Fill the blank spaces with the correct words from the list given below.

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(i) The law of cause and effect is called ___________________.
(ii) The principle of duty is called ___________________.
(iii) Every Hindu should rise before___________________.
(iv) Atman is the Sanskrit word for _________________.

(4 marks)

d. Read the questions which follow and write your answers in the spaces provided.

(i) Give one reason why we respect and worship the cow

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

(ii) State one reason why we rise before dawn

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

(iii) What do we mean when we say, ”He made a bad karma”?

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(3 marks)
### Test Answers: Section A

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### Test Answers: Section B

#### Question 1 (a)

- (i) F  
- (ii) C  
- (iii) D  
- (iv) B  
- (v) A  

- (b)  
  - (i) by some kind of sign  
  - (ii) actually eat the food offering  
  - (iii) Lord Muruga  
  - (iv) heaven (or the devaloka)  

- (c)  
  - (i) F  
  - (ii) E  
  - (iii) B  
  - (iv) D  

#### Question 2 (a)

- (i) C  
- (ii) E  
- (iii) F  
- (iv) D  
- (v) C  

#### Question 3 (a)

- (i) A  
- (ii) E  
- (iii) F  
- (iv) D  
- (v) C  

- (b)  
  - (i) by some kind of sign  
  - (ii) actually eat the food offering  
  - (iii) Lord Muruga  
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#### Question 2 (a)

- (i) C  
- (ii) E  

#### Question 3 (a)

- (i) A  
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  - (iv) D  

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- (e)  
  - (i) The cow is generous, gentle, kind or gives much but asks little in return.  

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