Exploring Hindu Beliefs: A Writing Guide

Learning objective: To describe and explain key concepts in Hinduism, including the concept of Brahman and the diversity of deities.

Use the prompts below to help you structure your explanation of Hindu beliefs. Remember to use the word bank to help your writing flow, and refer back to your class notes on the Trimurti and the concept of Atman.

Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religions, and it encompasses a vast array of traditions, beliefs, and practices that have evolved over thousands of years.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · manifestation · symbolise · diverse · interconnected · on the other hand · represents · traditionally

1. Introduction: Define what Hinduism is and mention that it is a diverse religion. Start by writing: Hinduism is often described as... (2 marks)

2. The Concept of Brahman: Explain the idea of the ultimate reality. Start by writing: At the heart of Hindu belief is the concept of Brahman, which is... (3 marks)

3. The Trimurti: Describe the roles of Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. Start by writing: Many Hindus revere the Trimurti, which consists of three deities who represent... (3 marks)

4. Deities and Symbols: Why do Hindus have many different forms of the divine? Start by writing: Although there are many different deities, they are often seen as... (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: What do you find most interesting about these beliefs? Start by writing: I find the concept of ... particularly fascinating because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research one specific festival such as Diwali or Holi. Write a short paragraph explaining how the celebration reflects the beliefs you have discussed in your writing frame.