

**HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS ACT, 1959
(DEGREE STANDARD) OBJECTIVE TYPE**

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UNIT – I Hinduism, Hindu Scriptures – Origin and development - Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita – Epics, Puranas, Agamas, 4000 Prabhandams, Thevaram, Thiruvagasam, Thirumanthiram, Periyapuranam.

UNIT – II Hindu Religion – Saivism, Vaishnavism, Saktam, Kaumiram, Ganapatyam and Sauram.

UNIT – III Hindu Saints and Sages, Socio-Religious Reformists: – Alvars, Nayanmars, Ramalinga Swamigal, Sankara, Ramanuja, Madhva - Contemporary Hindu Movements –Ramakrishna Mission - Sri Aurobindo, Ramana Maharishi. Siddhars, pattinathar, Thayumanavar.

UNIT – IV Basic Concepts of Hindu Philosophical system, Hindu Ethics: Orthodox – Nyaya – Vaisesika; Samkhya – Yoga Mimamsa – Vedanta; Saiva Siddhanta; Heterodox – Basic concept of Jainism – Professional Ethics for temple administrators - Maintenance of temples – Public relations.

UNIT – V Hindu Culture, Temple: Cultural heritage of the Hindus - Temple Architecture and Sculpture – Temple Icons - Fine Arts – Music, Dance, Drama, Discourses - . Temple – Temple structure, Sthala Vriksham, Sthala Puranas, Temple Ponds, Special Sannathis and Murtis Temple worship – Temple Poojas and Festivals – Custom and usage of Hindus.

UNIT – VI PRELIMINARY CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES

Short title, Extent and commencement – Power to extent Act to Jain Institutions - Power to extent Act to Charitable endowments – Exemptions - Definitions – Advisory Committee – District committee – Commissioner and other controlling authorities – Powers of Commissioner and other Controlling authorities.

UNIT – VII GENERAL PROVISIONS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Powers and duties of Commissioner in respect of religious Institutions – Power to enter Religious Institutions - Qualification of Trustees – Trustees and their number and terms of office = Chairman – Power to suspend dismiss or remove trustees.

UNIT – VIII PROPERTY

Preparation of Registers – Property and Thittam – Alienation of immovable trust property – Utilisation of surplus funds - Procedure and mode of eviction Penalty and Recovery – Appeal.

UNIT – IX EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Appointment and duties - Appointment of Office holders and servants in Religious Institutions – Punishment of Office holders and servants.

UNIT – X AUDIT AND FINANCE, MISCELLANEOUS

Budgets of Religious Institutions – Accounts and Audit report and rectification - Contribution and Audit fees – Legal proceedings fee – Common good fund – Religious and Charitable Endowments Administration fund - Power to inspect – putting trustee or Executive Officer in possession – Power to Government to call for records – Power of Government to review – Limitation – Power to make rules.