

Exercise Sheet 7.3.2b (1)

“Tasks/Questions for Research Project”

The main goal of this project is to produce a ‘deity picture card’ (you may have seen some of these already, for the Trimurti and their wives). Printing this may be your homework for this week (check with the teacher).

Each card is A4 size (if you don’t know what ‘A4’ size is, please do find out).

On one side will be a picture of your deity (i.e. the one you are going to research). On the other side, please list some ‘bullet-points’. These should answer the 6 questions below (but don’t worry if you can’t answer all of them; if you get really stuck, please just move onto the next one!)

You will need to:

- (1) Do some research to write the text. You might use computers or read books.
- (2) Colour in a picture of your deity, or print one (in colour) from the Internet

- 1. How is your deity connected to the Trimurti and their wives** (e.g. “Ganesh is one of the two sons of Shiva and Parvati”).
- 2. How and when where they born?** (e.g. “Krishna was born about 500 years ago in Mathura”)
- 3. How is this deity worshipped? Who worships them?** (e.g. “Hanuman is worshipped by worshippers of Rama and ...”)

Note: Not all deities are worshipped; but you might find instead some festivals

- 4. Are there any stories about them? What did they do?**
(e.g. “There is a famous story about Skanda having a race with his brother)
- 5. Are they shown carrying any symbols?**
(e.g. “Ganesh is shown carrying sweets and...”)
- 6. Have you found out anything else which you find really interesting?**

Remember to write or type your answers in the form of bullet points. And do get help from as many people as you can! Thank you and have fun!