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Question Part

In their life time a Hindu should undertake at least one pilgrimage. Hindu pilgrimage involves travelling to a sacred site and fulfilling certain prayers/rituals there. The most sacred and common pilgrimage is to the River Ganges in India and the city of Vaskranah. Rivers are seen as sacred in Hinduism so one ritual that is performed is to bathe in the river which ~~cleans~~ cleanses sins.

b(i)

Question Part

Shankara was a religious scholar who founded the advaita vedanta, which was the idea that Brahman (the universal soul) and Atman (the individual soul) are one.

b(ii)

Question Part

Shankara's impact on Hinduism was very important as he saved Hinduism from disappearing or merging with Buddhism. Because of the Advaita Vedanta Shankara preached that it was okay to worship any form/deity of Brahman as long as it is accepted that Brahman is the ultimate reality and worshipping Gods is to worship Brahman.