

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
Buddhism

**G576**

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page answer booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Wednesday 12 January 2011**  
**Morning**

**Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the answer booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **70**.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the importance of Asoka for early Buddhism. [25]  
(b) 'Asoka was not a good Buddhist.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the social conditions in which the Buddha was teaching. [25]  
(b) 'The Buddha's teachings would have been identical no matter where or when he lived.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the importance of the Buddha in Theravada Buddhism. [25]  
(b) Assess the view that the historical Buddha is more important in Theravada Buddhism than in Mahayana Buddhism. [10]
- 4 (a) Explain the Buddhist concepts of kamma and samsara. [25]  
(b) To what extent can it be argued that kamma is the only fair way to reward and punish people for their actions? [10]

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