

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2776

Eastern Religions 2

Wednesday **22 JUNE 2005** Morning 1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the separate answer paper provided.

Additional materials:

Answer paper

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions from **one** section.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the separate answer paper provided.
- If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the answer booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Each question carries 45 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 90.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication in both answers.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Answer two questions from one section.

Section A

Alternative A – Buddhism

- 1 'The bodhisattva doctrine is the distinguishing feature of Mahayana Buddhism.' Discuss.
- 2 Assess the importance of the Heart Sutra for Mahayana Buddhists.
- 3 'Pure Land Buddhism is a short cut to nibbana (nirvana).' Discuss.
- 4 'In Buddhism morality and meditation cannot be separated.' Discuss.

Section B

Alternative B – Hinduism

- 5 'Gandhi was an orthodox Hindu.' Discuss.
- 6 'Liberating the consciousness is the most important aspect of the Samkhya system.' Discuss.
- 7 'It is impossible to practise both dharma and ahimsa at the same time.' Discuss.
- 8 'Varnashramadharma is the core of a Hindu's life.' Discuss.