

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2793

Connections in Religious Studies (Routes E, L)

Wednesday **29 JUNE 2005** Afternoon 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, both chosen from the Route for which you have been prepared.
- 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 60 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 120.
- 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, both chosen from the Route for which you have been prepared.

Route E – Philosophy of Religion with Eastern Religions

- 1 Compare and contrast Augustine's understanding of evil and suffering with that of either Hinduism or Buddhism.
- 2 'The only way for humanity to learn about ultimate truth is through the practice of meditation.' Discuss with reference to either Hinduism or Buddhism.
- 3 Compare either a Hindu or a Buddhist understanding of causation with the belief that the universe exists because of a creator God.

Route L – Religious Ethics with Eastern Religions

- 4 To what extent are the ethics of either Hinduism or Buddhism relativist?
- 5 'The main aim of ethics should be the cultivation of virtue.' Discuss with reference to either Hinduism or Buddhism.
- 6 To what extent does either Hinduism or Buddhism provide a morally acceptable response to issues raised by environmental ethics?