

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced GCE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**2793**

Connections in Religious Studies (Routes E, L)

Wednesday

**21 JUNE 2006**

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the separate answer paper provided.

Additional materials:

8 page 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.

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**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 'Existence without a soul makes little sense.' Discuss with reference to either Buddhism or Hinduism.
- 2 To what extent can either Buddhist or Hindu texts be considered sacred?
- 3 Compare either Buddhist or Hindu understandings of religious experience with other views.

Route L – Religious Ethics with Eastern Religions

- 4 To what extent do either Hindu or Buddhist ethics provide a useful approach to euthanasia?
- 5 'The only purpose of behaving morally is to gain good karma.' Discuss with reference to either Buddhism or Hinduism.
- 6 Compare and contrast the ethics of either Buddhism or Hinduism with absolute morality.