

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Eastern Religions 1

WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2007

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Morning

Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions, one from each part. Answer questions from **one** alternative only.
- Do **not** answer two questions from the same part

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

Alternative A – Buddhism

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain how the story of the Buddha might support Buddhists in their lives. [33]
(b) 'A Buddhist must have faith in the Buddha.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain how a Buddhist might follow the Triple Refuge in their daily lives. [33]
(b) 'There is no point taking refuge in the Buddha unless you take refuge in the Dhamma.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain the importance of the monastic sangha. [33]
(b) 'The strict rules of the monastic sangha ensure that monks will always achieve nibbana.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain the relationship between greed and nibbana. [33]
(b) 'Nibbana is the same as life after death.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain the importance of dependent origination for Buddhists. [33]
(b) 'The teaching of dependent origination means that you have no free will.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain the importance of anicca for Buddhists. [33]
(b) 'Anicca and anatta are really the same thing.' Discuss. [17]

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

Alternative B – Hinduism

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 7 (a) Explain the relationship between the One and the Many in the teachings of Sankara. [33]
(b) 'Sankara was a monotheist not a monist.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Explain the importance of Kali for Hindus. [33]
(b) 'Kali is a destructive deity.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) Explain the importance of female deities in Hinduism. [33]
(b) 'In Hinduism female deities are more important than male deities.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) Explain the similarities between the concepts of rta and dharma. [33]
(b) 'The teachings of the Vedas are of no importance to Hindus today.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) Explain the relationship between Atman and Brahman. [33]
(b) 'An Atman has no connection with the body that houses it.' Discuss. [17]
- 12 (a) Explain the Hindu concept of samsara. [33]
(b) 'The Hindu belief in samsara means that everyone is born into the life they deserve.' Discuss. [17]

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