

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Connections in Religious Studies (Routes E, L)

**THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2007**

**2793**

Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**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.
- Do **not** answer questions from more than one Route.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the separate answer booklet provided.
- 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.
- Read the 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 document 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 'Traditional theodicies offer convincing explanations for the problem of evil but eastern religion does not.' Discuss with reference to **either** Buddhism **or** Hinduism.
- 2 'Buddhist **or** Hindu teachings about life after death are more coherent than any other view.' Discuss.
- 3 Consider whether **either** Buddhist **or** Hindu understandings of causation are as convincing as the traditional Christian arguments for the existence of God.

### Route L – Religious Ethics with Eastern Religions

- 4 Critically examine the approach of **either** Hinduism **or** Buddhism to issues of sex and relationships.
- 5 Compare Utilitarianism with the ethical approaches of **either** Buddhism **or** Hinduism.
- 6 'Belief in karma (kamma) requires a belief in determinism.' Discuss.

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