

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Eastern Religions 1

WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2008

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Morning
Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- 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 for each question 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 why the concept of kamma is important to Buddhists. [33]
 (b) 'Kamma is the most important concept in Buddhist thought.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the relationship between kamma and rebecoming in Buddhist thought. [33]
 (b) 'In Buddhist thought, rebecoming does not accurately describe what happens when someone dies.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain how the concept of dependent origination describes the process of rebecoming. [33]
 (b) 'Most Buddhists aim for a better future life, not nibbana.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain how a Buddhist might show they have turned to the Sangha for refuge. [33]
 (b) 'By taking refuge, a Buddhist is running away from their responsibility to find their own answer to the problem of suffering.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain the relationship between the Buddha and the Sangha. [33]
 (b) 'The only purpose of the Sangha is to pass on the teachings of the Buddha.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain how believing in the Three Marks of Existence might affect the life of a Buddhist. [33]
 (b) 'Anatta is the most important of the Three Marks of Existence.' 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 why the concept of karma is important to Hindus. [33]
 (b) 'Karma is the most important concept in Hindu thought.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Explain the concept of maya in Hinduism. [33]
 (b) 'If everything is an illusion there is no point doing anything.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) Explain the different ways in which moksha can be understood in Hinduism. [33]
 (b) 'Most Hindus aim for a better future life, not moksha.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) Explain the similarities and differences between Rama and Krishna. [33]
 (b) 'Krishna is just a naughty boy.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) Explain why Hindus might worship Siva. [33]
 (b) 'There is no point to worshipping Siva.' Discuss. [17]
- 12 (a) Explain how Krishna is portrayed in the Bhagavad Gita. [33]
 (b) 'God is very approachable in the Bhagavad Gita.' Discuss. [17]

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