

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES Eastern Religions 1 TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008

Additional materials (enclosed):

Additional materials (required):

Answer Booklet (8 pages)

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Afternoon Time: 1 hour



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

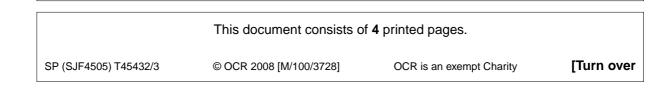
- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer two questions, one from each part. Answer questions from one alternative only.
- Do not answer two questions from the same part.
- Write your answers in the separate Answer Booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.

None

• Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.

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.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.





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 following the Noble Eightfold Path might affect kamma in Buddhist thought.
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- (b) 'Buddhists should not aim to get good kamma.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the relationship between kamma and dependent origination. [33]
 - (b) 'An understanding of dependent origination is not necessary for most Buddhists.' Discuss. [17]
- **3** (a) Explain how a Buddhist might avoid rebecoming and achieve nibbana. [33]
 - (b) 'Nibbana cannot accurately be described as enlightenment.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

4	(a)	Explain the importance of the monastic Sangha for lay Buddhists.	[33]
	(b)	'Lay Buddhists cannot be committed to their faith or they would become monks.' Dis	cuss. [17]
5	(a)	Explain how a Buddhist might show they have turned to the Buddha for refuge.	[33]
	(b)	'It does not matter whether stories about the Buddha are true.' Discuss.	[17]
6	(a)	Explain the importance of the three refuges in Buddhist thought.	[33]
	(b)	'The Sangha is the most important refuge in the modern world.' 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 teachings in the Bhagavad Gita and the corkarma.	ncept of [33]
	(b)	'Hindus should not aim to get good karma.' Discuss.	[17]
8	(a)	Explain the relationship between atman and samsara.	[33]
	(b)	'An unchanging atman is pointless.' Discuss.	[17]
9	(a)	Explain how a Hindu might follow the teachings about bhakti in their daily lives.	[33]
	(b)	'Bhakti is a lazy way to achieve moksha.' Discuss.	[17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

10	(a)	Explain why a Hindu might worship Vishnu.	[33]
	(b)	'Vishnu is the most important god in the Trimurti.' Discuss.	[17]
11	(a)	Explain the similarities and differences between Kali and Lakshmi.	[33]
	(b)	'It is easier to worship Lakshmi than Kali.' Discuss.	[17]
12	(a)	Explain why a Hindu might worship Ganesha.	[33]
	(b)	'It does not matter whether the stories about Ganesha are true.' Discuss.	[17]

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