

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Eastern Religions 1

TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008

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Afternoon
Time: 1 hour

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



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.
- 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**.

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 following the Noble Eightfold Path might affect kamma in Buddhist thought. [33]
(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.' Discuss. [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 concept of karma. [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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