

**ADVANCED GCE  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Eastern Religions 2

**FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2008**

**2776**

Afternoon  
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

**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 from **one** alternative only.
- 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.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- Each question carries 45 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **90**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication in both answers.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

**Alternative A – Buddhism**

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 'Zen practices are so unique that they should **not** be considered to be Buddhist.' Discuss.
- 2 Critically examine the importance of the five precepts for Buddhist ethics.
- 3 'The Heart Sutra is of more importance than the Lotus Sutra in Mahayana Buddhism.' Discuss.
- 4 'There is no difference between Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism.' Discuss.

**Alternative B – Hinduism**

Answer **two** questions.

- 5 Critically examine the importance of ahimsa in Hinduism.
- 6 To what extent can the aims and practices of Yoga be considered compatible with the system of varnashramadharma?
- 7 'Reforming movements were an attempt to take Hinduism back to its roots.' Discuss.
- 8 'The four purushartas are of no importance in determining Hindu behaviour.' Discuss.

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