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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
G576
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Buddhism 1

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2009: Afternoon
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer TWO questions.
- 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 is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 70.

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS.

- 1 (a) Explain the importance, for Buddhists, of traditional accounts of the life of the Buddha. [25]
- (b) 'Accounts of the life of the Buddha are too unrealistic to contain any truth.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the trikaya doctrine in Mahayana Buddhism. [25]
- (b) 'The trikaya doctrine makes the concept of the Buddha easier to understand.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the importance of the Four Noble Truths for Buddhists. [25]
- (b) To what extent is the First Noble Truth more important than the other three? [10]
- 4 (a) Explain the relationship between the laity and the monastic sangha. [25]
- (b) 'Bhikkhus and bhikkhunis are selfish in seeking nibbana for themselves.' Discuss. [10]



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