

**Wednesday 25 January 2012 – Afternoon**

**A2 GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**G586**      Buddhism

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

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- 8 page Answer Booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



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- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 To what extent can it be argued that the vinaya pitaka is the most important part of the Pali Canon? [35]
- 2 'Tibetan Buddhism is a betrayal of Buddhist origins.' Discuss. [35]
- 3 Assess the view that all meditation practices within Buddhism have the same aims. [35]
- 4 To what extent can it be argued that the concepts of nibbana and parinibbana are identical? [35]



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