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AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G576/01/I Buddhism

QUESTION PAPER INSERT

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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- This Insert is for your reference only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **TWO** questions.

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- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the three aspects of the trikaya doctrine. [25]
(b) 'The trikaya doctrine is wrong because it makes the Buddha seem like a god.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the vinaya rules for the monastic sangha. [25]
(b) 'A good Buddhist should find it easy to follow the vinaya rules.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain how the social and economic conditions at the time of the Buddha led to challenges to the existing religious beliefs in India. [25]
(b) To what extent do the Buddha's teachings reflect the wider cultural changes occurring in India during his lifetime? [10]
- 4 (a) Explain how the three poisons keep the wheel of samsara in motion. [25]
(b) To what extent can it be argued that delusion leads to greed and hatred? [10]

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