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SECTION 1: BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer ONE question from this section. Write your answer in the spaces provided.

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1. (a) What is **anatta**? (2)
- (b) Outline Buddhist beliefs about anicca (impermanence). (6)
- (c) Explain why it is important for Buddhists to follow the Middle Way. (8)
- (d) *‘People would rather be reborn than gain nibbana.’*
Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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OR

2. (a) What is **samsara**? (2)
- (b) Outline Buddhist beliefs about samadhi. (6)
- (c) Explain why the five khandas (qualities) are important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) *‘We are who we are. There’s no point in trying to change ourselves.’*
Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Buddhism. (4)

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SECTION 2: COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

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3. (a) What is the **sangha**? (2)
- (b) Outline Buddhist beliefs about the parinibbana of the Buddha. (6)
- (c) Explain why the Dhammapada is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) ‘*You don’t need to be a monk or a nun to be a good Buddhist.*’
 Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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4. (a) What is a **bhikkuni**? (2)
- (b) Outline the role of the vihara (monastery) in Buddhism. (6)
- (c) Explain how living the life of an ascetic changed Gotama’s beliefs. (8)
- (d) ‘*Siddattha Gotama would have been happier if he’d stayed in his father’s palace.*’
 Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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SECTION 3: WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

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- 5.** (a) What is **Vassa**? (2)
- (b) Outline how mantras (chants) are used in Buddhist worship. (6)
- (c) Explain why mudras (gestures) are important in Buddhism. (8)
- (d) ‘*Worshipping at a vihara is better than worshipping at home.*’
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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- 6.** (a) What is a **rupa**? (2)
- (b) Outline how a Buddhist might perform worship in a vihara. (6)
- (c) Explain why Vassa is important for many Buddhists. (8)
- (d) ‘*Meditation is selfish.*’
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Buddhism. (4)

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SECTION 4: LIVING THE BUDDHIST LIFE

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7. (a) What is **vipassana**? (2)
- (b) Outline the additional precepts followed by bhikkus and bhikkunis. (6)
- (c) Explain why the negative application of the Five Precepts (pansils) is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) ‘*All Buddhists should be vegetarians.*’
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (4)

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8. (a) What is the **vinaya**? (2)
- (b) Outline how Buddhists try to develop kshanti (patience). (6)
- (c) Explain why the positive application of the Five Precepts (pansils) is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) ‘*Being a monk or a nun is easy.*’
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Buddhism. (4)

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SECTION 5: OPTIONS EXTENDED WRITING

You must answer ONE question from this section. Write your answer in the spaces provided.

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on this section.

YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON THE QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION IN THIS SECTION.

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9. A Place of Buddhist Worship

- (a) Outline the role of leaders in the vihara. (4)
- (b) Explain why there are differences in places of worship in Buddhism. (8)
- (c) *‘All Buddhists should worship in empty rooms.’*

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (8)

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10. Buddhists and Work

- (a) Outline Buddhist beliefs about right livelihood. (4)
- (b) Explain why Buddhists might avoid some jobs. (8)
- (c) *‘Buddhists are happier in the modern world than non-Buddhists.’*

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. (8)

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