

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (FULL COURSE)**

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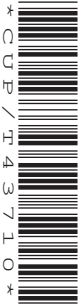
Paper 3 Buddhism

**THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2008**

Morning  
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.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 64.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

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Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.



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- 1 (a) Describe the main features of a stupa and what Buddhists might do there. [8]
- (b) Explain how visiting a stupa might help a Buddhist. [7]
- (c) 'You can be a good Buddhist without visiting a stupa.' [5]

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view.

- 2 (a) Describe the lifestyle of a bhikkhu or bhikkuni. [8]
- (b) Explain how the bhikkhus and bhikkunis might help Buddhists who are **not** monks or nuns. [7]
- (c) 'Only members of the Sangha can follow the teachings of the Buddha properly.' [5]

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view.

- 3 (a) Describe what Buddhists do during the Rain Retreats. [8]
- (b) Explain how taking part in the Rain Retreats might affect the life of a Buddhist. [7]
- (c) 'Special days are **not** important to Buddhists' [5]

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view.

- 4 (a) Describe the main features of metta bhavana meditation. [8]
- (b) Explain how performing metta bhavana meditation might help a Buddhist to achieve enlightenment. [7]
- (c) 'Buddhists try to avoid attachment so they do not care about other people.' [5]

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view.

- 5 (a) Describe each of the Five Precepts. [8]
- (b) Explain why a Buddhist might find it difficult to follow the Five Precepts. [7]
- (c) 'If there is no rebirth, there is no point in trying to be good.' [5]

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer.

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