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Section 1 – Buddhism

1) a. A wide variety of answers is possible here. A level 4 answer will choose one symbol and is likely to describe at least **two** ways in which this symbol is used. For example, one Buddhist symbol is a mandala. A mandala may be used as an aid to concentration; the circular shape of the mandala is used to remind Buddhists of the wholeness of the cosmos; the temporary nature of a sand mandala is a reminder of the transience of life.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

1) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: rituals associated with death help Buddhists keep a balanced view of life; one of the four signs that made the Buddha seek enlightenment was to see a funeral procession; monks may use the occasion of a funeral to teach Buddhists that life does not go on forever and to express the hope that all of the mourners will eventually reach Nirvana; rituals also serve to ease the feelings of loss and suffering for the mourners, and to bring the families together.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain cannot go beyond level 1.

2) a. Level 4 answers are likely to refer to the **three** groups of teaching: the Vinaya containing the rules for monastic living; the Sutta which contains most of the dhamma, in particular the

Dhammapada; the Abhidhamma made up of interpretations and explanations of the teaching of the Buddha.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

2) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: in addition to spending time in study and meditation, they can follow the Buddha's teaching about performing tasks which contribute to the wider Buddhist community; they can help lay Buddhists to understand Buddhist teaching more fully; they can fulfil their duty to share the fruits of their study and meditation with others who do not have as much time to devote to these activities; they provide lay Buddhists with an opportunity to gain merit by supporting them.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain cannot go beyond level 1.

3) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such rules as: they are mainly concerned with intentions rather than simple laws; they are part of the training to be free from desire; the aim is simplicity to prevent distraction; monks should not over eat; they should not sing, dance, or attend entertainment; they should not wear jewellery, perfume or beauty products; they should not sleep in a high or wide bed; they should not handle money; they should not claim powers they do not have.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

3) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: they summarise the basic principles and values which help toward enlightenment; they are an essential part of "right action" in following the Noble Eightfold Path; they provide guidance about what Buddhists are expected to do and to avoid in their daily lives.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

4) a. A wide variety of answers is possible here but level 4 answer is likely to name a famous Buddhist and outline at least **two** achievements of that person. Some possible answers may include individuals such as King Ashoka Ahjan Sumedho, Aung San Sun Kyi, or the Dalai Lama.

4) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: it is the essential guidance towards the goal to which all Buddhists aspire; it is the best example of the courage and perseverance needed to achieve spiritual enlightenment; he is the first to show others the way; the Buddha's enlightenment is often the object of meditation through which Buddhists try to follow the same path.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

5) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline that Kapilavastu was the Buddha's home city and that his father was king of the city; that it was as a young man driving through the city that he had the four sights which were eventually to lead to his enlightenment; that later in his life he returned to the city and made many converts among its citizens (including his wife and son).

At least **four** experiences must be outlined to reach level 4.

5) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: **many** Buddhists believe that it helps them in their religion if they can follow in the footsteps of the Buddha and visit places where the Buddha lived and taught; visiting the stupas will aid meditation and help them in their own search for enlightenment; some Buddhists believe that by taking part in pilgrimage they will acquire merit: **other** Buddhists point out that pilgrimage has never been a requirement; and that meditation in any place is a better path to enlightenment than following the superstitions associated with pilgrimage.

At least **two** differing reasons must to be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

Section 2 – Christianity

6) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such features as: prayers and fasting during advent as a preparation for Christmas; the use of nativity scenes; alms giving; singing at carol services; christingles; midnight mass and other church services on Christmas day.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

6) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: it is a ritual which shows entry into the Christian faith; it is a sacrament; it symbolises death and new life as a Christian; for some Christians it is a public demonstration of their acceptance of the Christian faith; it is a public demonstration that a child will be brought up as a Christian; it is a sign that God is washing away a person's sins.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

7) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **two** such differing attitudes as: in **some** Christian Churches there is a hierarchical structure; the laity play a limited role in the appointment of clergy; they are not involved in the administering of most sacraments: in **other** Churches, the laity have a significant role; they are involved in leading worship; and choose or appoint clergy.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

7) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: for Roman Catholic Christians, the Pope has authority in declaring how the Christian faith is to be interpreted and applied; the Pope is regarded as the true and authentic successor to St Peter and the representative of Christ on earth; his authority ensures that the faith which has been handed down is the only true faith; he speaks with the authority of all the bishops.

At least **two** reasons must to be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

8) a. Level 4 answers are likely to describe at least **two** such teachings contained in the Sermon on the Mount as: almsgiving should be done in secret otherwise it is in danger of becoming a hypocritical act; God sees everything that is done in secret and his reward is the only one worth having; giving of alms freely and not grudgingly is a sign of a person's heart being with God rather than with earthly treasure.

8) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: the Ten Commandments are believed to have come directly from God and this in itself is a reason why Christians should keep them constantly in mind in their daily lives; the first commandment warns against people making their own "gods" of everyday concerns such as money and ignoring the real God; the commandments which follow after the first commandment are warnings about what kind of behaviour will follow if this first commandment is ignored and as such it is a summary of the whole Law.

At least **two** reasons must to be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

9) a. Level 4 answers are likely to describe at least **two** such teachings as: disciples are expected to "take up their cross" and be prepared to suffer as Jesus did; they must be prepared to turn away from sin and be "born again"; they may have to give up things which seem all important (the Rich Young Man); they must be prepared to put others first.

9) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: Jesus' baptism confirms the Christian belief that Jesus was the Son of God; it confirms the Christian belief that Jesus' ministry is a reflection of God's will; it marks a starting point for the description of Jesus' ministry contained in the Gospels; it shows the humility of Jesus in allowing John to baptise him; it confirms the Christian belief in the Trinity.

At least two reasons must be developed to reach level 4

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain cannot go beyond level 1.

10) a. Level 4 answers are likely to describe at least **two** such differing attitudes as: in **Roman Catholic** churches the altar has an all important position as the most holy place in the church where the bread and wine become consecrated to become the body and blood of Jesus Christ; in some **Protestant** churches the altar may be referred to as the "holy table" and is given a less significant role, becoming a symbol and reminder of the Last Supper; in some Christian churches (such as **Quakers**) the altar is seen as a superstitious distraction from the true Christian message and is therefore removed completely.

10) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: different styles of architecture may reflect different uses; modern church buildings may reflect a desire to bring Christianity back into the heart of the community by allowing church buildings to be used for other purposes such as youth clubs which require a less specific design; different views about the role of visual symbolism may result in more or less ornate architecture; different emphases on the nature of God may be reflected in church design (God as immanent or transcendent).

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

Section 3 – Hinduism

11) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such actions as: it is usually performed twice daily; it involves the circulating of an aarti plate around a person or deity; the aarti prayer is sung; hands are briefly cupped over the burning oil/ghee; palms are then raised to the forehead to transfer the blessing.

11) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: it is one of the accepted paths to moksha; it is the most popular path followed by the majority of Hindus today; it is proclaimed in the Bhagavad Gita as the path which leads most directly to enlightenment; it is a way which may be followed by anyone irrespective of intellectual, social or religious background.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

12) a. Level 4 answers are likely to describe at least **two** such points as: they contain the teachings, reflections, disputes, and ideas of wise men; they contain teachings on the nature of God; they teach about the nature of the world; they contrast the temporary and changing natural world with the eternal and unchanging divine order.

12) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: the Vedas are the oldest of the Hindu holy scriptures; Hindus believe that the Vedas came from God and they contain basic truths which can never change; the Vedas are regarded as Sruti and are a mark of orthodoxy for the six schools of teaching; the Vedas contain instructions to the priests about how worship should be carried out.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

13) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline such ways as: not causing pain to any living creature; being honest in one's dealing with others; respecting the property of others; being faithful in marriage; not being covetous or overly possessive.

At least **four** ways must to be outlined to reach level 4.

13) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: it is the most important law code for orthodox Hindus; the laws cover most important aspects of Hindu moral and religious practice; they are highly influential in shaping modern Hindu practice.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

14) a. Level 4 answers are likely to describe at least **two** such aspects of Gandhi's work which show how he worked towards his goals using non-violent methods as: Gandhi resisting the pass-laws in South Africa, and organising non-violent protest marches against British policies in India (such as the 1930 salt tax); his work to reconcile Hindus and Muslims in India; his advocacy of vegetarianism; his constant appeals to his followers not to use violence.

14) b. Level 4 answers are likely to explain that: Ramanuja emphasised the separation of the soul from Brahman and the need for the soul to be re-united through devotion; however Shankaracharya emphasised the unity of the soul with Brahman and the need for the soul to recognise Brahman through enlightenment.

Answers must refer to the teachings of **both** Ramanuja <u>and</u> Shankaracharya to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain cannot go beyond level 1.

15) a. Level 4 answers are likely to describe such features as: the murti; the pujari; ceremonies such as aarti; forms of decoration such as garlands or coloured lights.

At least **four** distinct features must be described to reach level 4.

15) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: Varanasi is where the god Shiva is believed to have lived; it has been a centre of religious teaching for thousands of years; it has a significant position on the banks of the River Ganges with ghats for cremations and the scattering of ashes; many Hindus hope to be in Varanasi when they die.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain cannot go beyond level 1.

Section 4 – Islam

16) a. Level 4 answers are likely to refer to such ceremonies as: the father whispering the adhan and the shahadah into the baby's ears as soon as it is born; the tahnik ceremony; the Aqiqah seven days after birth; Khitan eight days after birth.

At least **two** ways of marking the birth of a child must be described to reach level 4.

16) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: all Muslim men are expected to attend Friday prayers unless they are unwell or travelling; during the prayers, believers have the opportunity to hear words of comfort or wisdom in the khutba from the imam; praying together gives a greater sense of community and strengthens the brotherhood; it is a requirement of faith to attend the prayers.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

17) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such aspects of the imam's role as: leading the congregation in the Friday prayers at the mosque; reading the burial prayers and overseeing the burial of the dead; performing the marriage ceremony; teaching pupils how to recite the Qur'an; giving sermons and advice to people in the community; reading the Id prayers; being a community leader.

17) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: the Sunnah is second only to the Qur'an in authority; with the Qur'an it forms the base of Islamic law; belief in the Sunnah is part of the Islamic faith; the Prophet is the most important of all the prophets and, as such, all Muslims should try to follow his example.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

18) a. Level 4 answers are likely to state the principle that fard, mandub and mubah refer to the degree by which something is required of a Muslim, and they will then outline each category as follows: fard refers to duties which are required of all who follow Islam; mandub refers to those things which are recommended for Muslims but are not considered compulsory; mubah refers to actions which may be desirable but, again, are not compulsory.

18) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: they are the five most important aspects of Muslim worship and belief; like pillars they support the whole of the Islamic faith; the Five Pillars provide a clear guide to all Muslims about how to keep their faith properly; they help to preserve the ummah by providing a common understanding and emphasising collective responsibility in zakat; they help to keep the soul pure.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

19) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such contributions as: being familiar with the teaching of the Prophet they provided spiritual guidance to the community after the death of the Prophet; Abu Bakr firmly established Zakat and salah as well as ensuring that the Qur'an was preserved in written form; Uthman ibn Affan expanded the Islamic Empire to include Iran, North Africa and Cyprus; Umar established the Islamic calendar; Ali maintained order in the Empire in the face of political chaos.

19) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: the vision of the Angel Jibreel shows that the Qur'an was a revelation from Allah; the fact that the Prophet could recite in spite of his illiteracy showed a divine origin; the event confirmed the choice of Mohammad as the Prophet of Allah.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

20) a. Level 4 answers will outline at least **four** such purposes as: the primary purpose is as a place of prayer / prostration, especially for the Jum'a prayers; it has a purpose as a place to teach children how to recite and understand the Qur'an; it may contain a reference library to be used by the community; some mosques have a mortuary and provide funeral services; some mosques may have conference facilities and provide other services such as a clinic or childcare.

20) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: the pilgrimage is seen by Muslims as a spiritual journey; it is obligatory on all Muslims at least once in their lifetime if they are able; it is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and therefore an act of worship to Allah; it is linked with the prophets and therefore enjoys the blessings of Allah; unless the journey is done with the right intention, it has no value.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

Section 5 – Judaism

21) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such practices as: it is normally carried out eight days after birth; only male relatives are present; the mohel may place the child on the Chair of Elijah so that the spirit of Elijah will visit the circumcision; after the removal of the foreskin, the father recites a blessing before the mohel blesses and names the child; a festive meal follows the circumcision.

21) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the Jewish year; it is special because it gives Jews the opportunity to atone for their misdeeds; just as Moses' return from Mount Sinai, with the new tablets of the law on the day of Yom Kippur, represented the forgiveness of the Almighty, so many Jews feel that the weight of sin and guilt is lifted from them at Yom Kippur; the observance of the day should lead to the restoring of the relationship between the individual, the community, and the Almighty.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

22) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such ways as: the Mishnah is used as a guide to the best way of life for a Jew; it may be used as an aid to the understanding of Jewish law; it provides guidance on the rights of the poor; it provides guidance on the circumstances in which marriage and divorce can take place; it outlines the rules regarding the correct diet; it shows how to observe Jewish rituals correctly.

22) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: new discoveries and technological advances have raised new questions about how the Mitzvot are to be kept; the development of Halakhah enables Jews to know how they are to keep their covenant with the Almighty in each new situation; the development of Halakhah may give advice on issues such as whether or not it is permitted to use electrical machinery on the Sabbath; it may help to define when festivals should be observed correctly when passing the international dateline; it may help to advise on whether heart/kidney transplants should be allowed and other medical issues.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

23) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such rules as: Kashrut rules divide all foods into Kosher and Treifah; all plants are kosher but not all animals; kosher animals must have fully cloven hooves and chew the cud; several types of seafood and insects are treifah; kosher animals and birds must be slaughtered in the correct way before they are eaten; the serving / preparation of meat and dairy foods together is forbidden.

23) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: the Mitzvot come from God and are therefore a reflection of how God wants us to behave; they cover every area of life and are considered to be an important part of character training; they are regarded as a test of a person's faith; they show respect for human dignity, personal responsibility and compassion; observing them is a way of strengthening faith.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

24) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such events as: Moses was in Moab when he died; from Mount Nebo, he saw Jericho and the Promised Land; the Almighty spoke to Moses telling him that he would not enter the land although the Israelites would be given it; Moses was buried in Moab and the Israelites wept for 30 days; Joshua was appointed as his successor.

24) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: he was the author of the thirteen principles of faith; he created the Jewish prayer book; he summed up important aspects of Jewish belief; he has had a major influence on the way Jewish people respond to moral issues.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

25) a. Level 4 answers are likely to describe at least **two** such uses as: Jews believe that they can pray to the Almighty wherever and whenever they want but the synagogue provides set forms of prayer; there are three prayer services in the synagogue every day (morning, afternoon and evening); additional prayers are said at new moons and festivals; adult male Jews must wear symbols of prayer when attending services in the synagogue.

25) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: Masada is an important historical monument for the Jewish people, which stands as a reminder of the commitment to their faith of the Jewish people; it is a sign of the suffering which the Jewish people have had to endure in the past; for some Jewish people it is a reminder of the need to defend their faith physically in an often hostile world.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

Section 6 – Sikhism

26) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such ways as: the Guru Granth Sahib is raised in the morning and retired at night; it is given its own room in the Gurdwara; it is carried with great reverence on each occasion it is brought out; it is given its own platform and canopy as a human guru would have had; it is consulted on such issues as the naming of children.

26) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: they are happy occasions which provide an opportunity for the community to come together; they are celebrations specific to Sikhism which help to preserve their distinct identity; they are reminders of the specific contribution of each of the gurus; they help to preserve knowledge of the history and development of Sikhism.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

27) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such sources of guidance as: the primary source of guidance is the Guru Granth Sahib; others include the Dasam Granth; the Nit nem; the Rahit Maryada; the guidance received as a result of personal devotion; the advice of the wise and pious such as a learned Granthi.

27) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: he is the person appointed by the community to supervise the reading of the Guru Granth Sahib; he has an essential role in directing community events such as the welcoming of a child, weddings and funerals; he may be the spokesman for the community; he is responsible for teaching the children about the Guru Granth Sahib and the Punjabi language; he helps to preserve the Sikh culture.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

28) a. Level 4 answers will outline at least **four** such ways as: the turban must be worn and may affect Sikhs in the wearing of uniforms or safety equipment; the uncut hair requires particular attention to hygiene and orderly living; the steel bangle is a constant daily reminder of the need for unity in the community; wearing the five Ks is a constant daily reminder of the need to keep God central to all life.

28) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: the Guru Granth Sahib states that any form of devotion without good deeds is empty, so sewa is an important part of life as a Sikh; the Rahit Maryada encourages charitable giving as one of the disciplines of Sikh life; Sikhs consider helping others to be a way of worshipping God.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

29) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such events as: in October 1708 Guru Gobind Singh was at Nanded; he was attacked by two Pathans paid by Wazir Khan to assassinate him; he killed one of his attackers but was stabbed twice; as he was dying he passed on the spiritual Guruship to the Guru Granth Sahib.

29) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: he was called by God to teach others; he established the first Sikh community at Kartarpur; it was to his followers that the name "Sikh" was first given; his teaching formed the bulk of the Guru Granth Sahib; he established the succession of Gurus.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will no go beyond level 1.

30) a. Level 4 answers are likely to outline at least **four** such aspects of symbolism as: the khanda is a symbol of divine knowledge as the blade separates truth from lies; the khanda is also a symbol and reminder of the amrit ceremony; the circle symbolises the unity of the community; the circle is also a reminder of the kara and a symbol of oneness with God; the two kirpans are symbols of Piri and Miri, reminding Sikhs that they must be concerned with the practical needs of society as well as the spiritual life.

30) b. Level 4 answers are likely to use such reasons as: Guru Nanak is said to have meditated in the place where the Golden Temple now stands; the Darbar Sahib and its surrounding buildings symbolise the temporal and spiritual authority in Sikhism; Amritsar stands as a sign of the specific identity of the Sikh faith; Amritsar is associated with important historical events such as the Amritsar Massacre.

At least **two** reasons must be developed to reach level 4.

Other approaches are possible and must be rewarded according to the levels.

Answers which describe rather than explain will not go beyond level 1.

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