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Tuesday 8 June 2010 – Afternoon Time: 1 hour 30 minutes	Paper Reference 5RS15/01
You do not need any other materials.	Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What is **prajna**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Wheel of Existence helps you to understand life?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why morality (sila) is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Lay people are essential to the sangha."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What is meant by **nibbana**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Tipitaka should be used by all Buddhists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why the sangha is important in Buddhism. (8)
- (d) "The Four Noble Truths have no relevance today."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3 (a) What is the **Dhammapada**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Buddha's death was more important than his life?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why the dhamma is essential for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Zen Buddhism is the easiest way to enlightenment."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 (a) What is meant by **Theravada**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the four sights mark the beginning of Buddhism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Vajrayana Buddhism has certain features. (8)
- (d) "The Buddha's teachings are useful for everyone."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What is a **mantra**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the home is the best place for meditation?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Wesak is important for most Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Mudras serve no real purpose."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is a **thangka**? (2)
- (b) Should all Buddhists celebrate New Year?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why rupas are important for many Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Dhyana meditation is the best way to meditate."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 4 – LIVING THE BUDDHIST LIFE

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is **khanti**? (2)
- (b) Do you think 'right livelihood' should decide what job a Buddhist does?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why a vihara is important to the local community. (8)
- (d) "Living as a Buddhist is easy today."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is a **bodhisattva**? (2)
- (b) Should a Buddhist work for community cohesion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why karuna (compassion) is important in Buddhism. (8)
- (d) "The five precepts are all of equal value."
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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