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Religious Studies
Advanced
Unit 4: Implications – Buddhism

Thursday 17 June 2010 – Morning Time: 1 hour 15 minutes	Paper Reference 6RS04/1C
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You do not need any other materials.

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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.
- Read the passage carefully.
- Answer **BOTH** part (a) and part (b) of the question.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking of all your responses.
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- The assessment of your answers will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the topic in question (for 60% of the marks) and your evaluative skills (for 40% of the marks).

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Buddhism

Philosophically, the first prerequisite for a system of ethics, according to the Buddha, is the notion of free will, secondly the distinction between good and bad, and thirdly the notion of causation in relation to moral action. The third concept, as indicating the good and bad consequences of actions which can be morally assessed, is also related to a specifically Buddhist notion, survival after death.

Of these the most crucial concept necessary for the evaluation of human action is the notion of *kamma* [karma], based on the notion of moral causation. The Pali term *kamma* is used to refer to volitional acts which are expressed by *thought, speech, and bodily action*.

(Source: De Siva, P. Buddhist Ethics in Singer, P. (ed) *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell, 2001, p156)

1. (a) Examine the argument and/or interpretation in the passage. (30)
- (b) Do you agree with the idea(s) expressed? Justify your point of view and discuss its implications for understanding religion and human experience. (20)

(Total 50 marks)

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