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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Friday 6 June 2025

Morning (Time: 1 hour)

Paper reference **8RS0/4A**

Religious Studies

Advanced Subsidiary

PAPER 4: Study of Religion

Option 4A: Buddhism

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.
- There are **two** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 54.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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1 Explore the main sections of the Tipitaka.



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- 2 Assess the importance of the concept of the Buddha as a cosmic presence that influences the world.

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3 Assess the importance of the Buddha's life as an ascetic.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 26 MARKS



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SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 4 (a) Explore the practice of meditation in Buddhism.

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(b) Analyse the significance of vipassana meditation.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 28 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 54 MARKS



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