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Wednesday 19 June 2019			
Morning (Time: 2 hours)		Paper Reference 9RS0/4A	
Religious Studies Advanced 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 **three** 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 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.*

Advice

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

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SECTION A

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

- 1** Explore the key teachings of Triratna Buddhism (formerly Friends of the Western Buddhist Order).

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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- 2 Assess the significance of Māhapājapatī Gotamī for the development of the role of women in the ordained sangha.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS

SECTION B

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

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

But who should be first to hear the message? He next recalled the five bhikkhus who had practised the penitential disciplines of tapas with him. They had fled from him in horror when he had taken his first meal, but he could not allow this rejection to cloud his judgment. He remembered how helpful and supportive they had been during their time together, and set out directly to find them. Hearing that they were now living in the Deer Park outside Varanasi (the modern Benares), he began his journey, determined to set the Wheel of the Dhamma in motion and, as he put it, 'to beat the drum of the deathless Nibbana.' He did not expect much. The Buddha mistakenly believed that his teaching would only be followed for a few hundred years. But people had to be rescued, and the Buddha was compelled, by the very nature of the Enlightenment that he had achieved, to do what he could for them.

(Source: Extract adapted from '*Lives: Buddha*' - Chapter 3, '*Enlightenment*', Armstrong, K., Phoenix Press, 2002, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the events illustrated in this passage surrounding the founding of the sangha.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the significance of the Buddha's preaching of the dhamma.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS

SECTION C**Write your answer in the space provided.**

- 4** Evaluate the meaning and significance of the Eightfold Path in the contemporary world.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Buddhism have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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