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Religious Studies

Unit 15: Buddhism

Tuesday 2 June 2015 – 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 84.
- 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.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

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 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.

EITHER

- 1** (a) What is the **Tipitaka**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the five khandas are only important for Buddhists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain what is important about the relationship between the lay people and the sangha in Buddhism. (8)
- (d) “The three marks of existence do not teach people anything useful.”
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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)

OR

- 2** (a) What is **nibbana**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Dhammapada is essential for all Buddhists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the Four Noble Truths are important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) “Morality (sila) only matters if you are a Buddhist.”
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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 2 = 24 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 **Lotus Sutra**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Buddhists can learn anything from the Buddha's ascetic practices?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain the distinctive features of Zen Buddhism. (8)
- (d) "The dhamma is out of date."
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 a **bhikkuni**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the experience of the Buddha under the bodhi tree was the beginning of Buddhism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why a Mahayana vihara has certain features. (8)
- (d) "All Buddhists should be Theravada Buddhists."
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 meant by **puja**? (2)
- (b) Do you think vipassana meditation is a good way to achieve enlightenment?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why the use of rupas is important for some Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Chanting mantras is pointless."
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 **Wesak**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Buddhists should celebrate New Year?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why samatha meditation is important for many Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Mudras help a person 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)

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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 are the **vinaya**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Buddhists should work to relieve suffering in the UK?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain the role of the vihara in a local area. (8)
- (d) "Karuna (compassion) should be shown by everybody."
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) Do you think a person's beliefs should affect their choice of job?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Buddhists work for community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Khanti (patience) only matters to Buddhists."
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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