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Religious Studies

PAPER 2: The Religious Community

Option 2A – 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.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- 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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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Section 1: Origins and their Impact on the Community

- 1** (a) Outline **two** ways the sangha provides support to Buddhists.

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- (b) Explain how many Buddhists use the Tripitaka in their lives.

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(c) "Understanding the significance of the four sights is all a Buddhist needs to reach enlightenment."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
- other (divergent) points of view – either within the religion or from other religions
- your opinion/point of view using reasoned arguments
- a balanced conclusion.

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Section 2: Celebration and Pilgrimage

- 2 (a) Outline **two** reasons Nirvana Day is important for some Buddhists.

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- (b) Explain why going to Kapilavastu is important for some Buddhists.

(6)

(c) "Buddhists do not need to go on pilgrimage."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

- reference to teachings
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- a balanced conclusion.

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Section 3: Worship and Practice

3 (a) Outline **two** features of Buddhist death rituals.

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(b) Explain why the appearance of viharas may differ between Buddhist communities.

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(c) "Rites of passage are essential aspects of a Buddhist's life."

Discuss this statement considering the arguments for and against.

In your answer you should include:

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