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Religious Studies

Unit 15: Buddhism

Wednesday 4 June 2014 – Morning
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.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- 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 **kamma**? (2)
- (b) Do you think meditation is important for all Buddhists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain the main features of the Tipitaka. (8)
- (d) "A Buddhist only has to follow the way of wisdom (prajna) to achieve enlightenment."
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 meant by **samsara**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the way of morality (sila) is important for all Buddhists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain the main features of the Dhammapada. (8)
- (d) "Everyone is essential to the sangha."
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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Question 2

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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 meant by the **dhamma**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the founding of the sangha marks the beginning of Buddhism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the death and parinibbana of the Buddha is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "The Western Buddhist Order is real Buddhism."
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 meant by **Theravada**? (2)
- (b) Do you think following Mahayana Buddhism is the easiest way to gain enlightenment?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the Buddha's meditation under the bodhi tree is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "It should not matter how a vihara is designed."
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.

EITHER

- 5 (a) What is a **thanka**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all types of meditation are the same?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why puja in the home is important for many Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Vassa is only important for monks and nuns."
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 meant by **vipassana**? (2)
- (b) Do you think puja should only take place in the vihara?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why dhyana meditation is important for many Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Wesak is all about bringing the Buddhist community together."
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 6 = 20 marks)



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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 is meant by **karuna**? (2)
- (b) Do you think a Buddhist organisation should try to relieve poverty?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why the vihara is important in the local area. (8)
- (d) "Metta (loving kindness) is only important for 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 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by **ordination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the five additional pansils are impossible for everyone to follow?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how some Buddhists work for social and community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Viharas are only important for 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 8 = 20 marks)



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