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**Religious Studies  
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**405012**

**Unit 12    Buddhism**

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**Part B**

Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 12 to 20 in the answer booklet.

There are 28 marks for each question.

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**Either****B5      The Life of the Buddha and the Dhamma (Dharma).**

**B5 (a)**      Explain the importance of the four signs seen by the Buddha. **[4 marks]**

**B5 (b)**      ‘The most important part of the Buddha’s life was when he became an ascetic.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**

**B5 (c) (i)**   Describe how the Buddha became enlightened. **[4 marks]**

**B5 (c) (ii)** Explain the significance of the Buddha’s enlightenment for Buddhists. **[4 marks]**

**B5 (d)**      ‘The Three Universal Truths of anicca, anatta and dukkha are just common sense.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**

**[SPaG: 4 marks]**

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Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

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or

**B6        The Sangha and the Tipitaka**

**B6 (a)**        Explain how in Buddhism the monks and the laity support each other. **[4 marks]**

**B6 (b)**        ‘Buddhists should not waste their time with ‘engaged’ Buddhism.’  
  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Buddhist arguments in your answer. **[6 marks]**

**B6 (c) (i)**    Describe what the Tipitaka (the Three Baskets) contains. **[4 marks]**

**B6 (c) (ii)**   Explain the importance to Buddhists of the Tipitaka (the Three Baskets). **[4 marks]**

**B6 (d)**        ‘Buddhists should focus on achieving enlightenment rather than on the scriptures.’  
  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**

**[SPaG: 4 marks]**

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**END OF QUESTIONS**

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