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Time 2 hours

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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 emphases of ahimsa in the modern world.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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2 Assess the significance of karuna for Buddhists.

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SECTION B

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

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

The Good Deeds of the Bodhisattva

We have seen that the bodhisattva has ten "Perfections". A further list of good qualities is sometimes attributed to him. Notice that the emphasis is on the positive virtues of altruism, benevolence, and compassion.

There are ten ways by which a bodhisattva gains...strength...

He will give up his body and his life... but he will not give up the Law of Righteousness.

He bows humbly to all beings, and does not increase in pride.

He has compassion on the weak and does not dislike them.

He gives the best food to those who are hungry.

He protects those who are afraid.

He strives for the healing of those who are sick.

He delights the poor with his riches.

He repairs the shrines of the Buddha with plaster.

He speaks to all beings pleasingly.

He shares his riches with those afflicted by poverty.

He bears the burden of those who are tired and weary.

[From Tathāgataguhyā Sūtra, Śikṣāmuccaya]

(Source: extract adapted from 'The Bodhisattva' A.L.Basham, Knopf Doubleday, 1969, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a)** Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about the stages and perfections of the Bodhisattva path.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the significance of the bodhisattva in Buddhism.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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