

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Buddhism 1

G576

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

Thursday 15 January 2009
Afternoon

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **70**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication in both answers.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the sociological and economic background in India at the time of the Buddha. [25]
(b) To what extent did the sociological and economic conditions in India influence the teachings of the Buddha? [10]
- 2 (a) Explain how and why the vinaya rules were developed. [25]
(b) 'The way in which the vinaya rules were developed means they can be changed when circumstances change.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the importance of the three refuges for Buddhists. [25]
(b) 'The Buddha is the most important of the three refuges.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Explain the bodhisattva path within Mahayana Buddhism. [25]
(b) 'The bodhisattva path is of no importance within Theravada Buddhism.' Discuss. [10]