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AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G576 Buddhism

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet
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Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
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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**.
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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the cycle of dependent origination. [25]
(b) 'The cycle of dependent origination is too difficult for most Buddhists to understand.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the relationship between the three marks of existence. [25]
(b) To what extent is dukkha the most important of the three marks of existence? [10]
- 3 (a) Explain how the monastic sangha support the laity. [25]
(b) 'The laity gain more from the monastic sangha than the monastic sangha gain from the laity.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Compare the way the Buddha is viewed in Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism. [25]
(b) Assess the view that Mahayana Buddhists show more respect for the Buddha than Theravada Buddhists. [10]

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