Tuesday 15 January 2013 – Morning

AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G576/01/I Buddhism

QUESTION PAPER INSERT

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• Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
• Answer TWO questions.

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Answer two questions.

1  (a) Explain how the Four Noble Truths might be used by Buddhists.  [25]
   
   (b) To what extent can it be argued that the Deer Park Sermon was the Buddha's most important teaching?  [10]

2  (a) Explain the main practices of bhikkhus and bhikkunis.  [25]
   
   (b) ‘Bhikkhus are much more important in Buddhism than bhikkunis.' Discuss.  [10]

3  (a) Explain the relationship between nibbana and parinibbana.  [25]
   
   (b) To what extent can it be argued that nibbana and parinibbana are the same?  [10]

4  (a) Explain how traditional accounts of the Buddha’s enlightenment might be used to illustrate Buddhist teachings and beliefs.  [25]
   
   (b) ‘People should not focus on the life of the Buddha but only on his teachings.' Discuss.  [10]