Tuesday 13 May 2014 – Morning
AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES
G576/01 Buddhism
QUESTION PAPER

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:
• 12 page Answer Booklet (sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:
None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

• Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• Use black ink.
• Write the number of each question answered in the margin.
• Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
• Answer TWO questions.
• 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.
• This document consists of 2 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

INSTRUCTION TO EXAMS OFFICER/INVIGILATOR

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Answer **two** questions.

1  (a) Explain the importance of Asoka in the early development of Buddhism. [25]

(b) ‘Asoka harmed Buddhism more than he helped Buddhism.’ Discuss. [10]

2  (a) Explain the importance of the Buddha as a refuge. [25]

(b) Assess the view that the Buddha is the least important of the three refuges for Buddhists today. [10]

3  (a) Explain the relationship between sila, prajna and samadhi in the eightfold path. [25]

(b) ‘One should begin following the eightfold path by practising sila.’ Discuss. [10]

4  (a) Explain the similarities and differences between village dwelling and forest dwelling bhikkhus. [25]

(b) To what extent can it be argued that forest dwelling bhikkhus are following the Buddha’s example better than village dwelling bhikkhus? [10]