Thursday 25 May 2017 – 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 why a Buddhist might chose the lifestyle of a bhikkhu. [25]

(b) ‘Bhikkhus and bhikkhunis are the most important part of the sangha.’ Discuss. [10]

2 (a) Explain the concept of dukkha. [25]

(b) To what extent is anicca the most significant of the three marks of existence? [10]

3 (a) Explain the difference between karmic formations and karmic consequences. [25]

(b) ‘If there is no soul then kamma cannot affect rebirth.’ Discuss. [10]

4 (a) Explain the key aspects of the arhat and bodhisattva paths. [25]

(b) To what extent is the arhat path more selfish than the bodhisattva path? [10]

END OF QUESTION PAPER