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Religious Studies

Advanced

Paper 4: Study of Religion

Option 4A: Buddhism

Wednesday 20 June 2018 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference

9RS0/4A

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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2 Assess the importance of the Three Poisons for Buddhists.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



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SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

If there is any truth to the story that Gautama gained Enlightenment at Bodh Gaya in a single night, it could be that he acquired a sudden, absolute certainty that he really had discovered a method that would, if followed energetically, bring an earnest seeker to Nibbana. He had not made this up; it was not a new creation or an invention of his own. On the contrary, he always insisted that he had simply discovered 'a path of great antiquity, an ancient trail, travelled by human beings in a far-off, distant era.' The other Buddhas, his predecessors, had taught this path an immeasurably long time ago, but this ancient knowledge had faded over the years and had been entirely forgotten.

(Source: Extract adapted from 'Lives: Buddha' - Chapter 3, 'Enlightenment', Armstrong, K., Phoenix Press, 2002, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify Buddhist teachings illustrated in this passage about the Enlightenment of the Buddha.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the extent to which the search for Enlightenment is significant for Buddhists.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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