



ADVANCED GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Eastern Religions 2

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions from **one** alternative.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Each question carries 45 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **90**.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

Alternative A – Buddhism

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 'The Lotus Sutra is more important than the Pali Canon for Mahayana Buddhists.' Discuss.
- 2 Assess the importance of meditation for Zen Buddhists.
- 3 'Apart from the bodhisattva path, Mahayana Buddhism is identical to Theravada Buddhism.' Discuss.
- 4 Assess the view that the five precepts offer no practical advice to Buddhists about how they should behave in the modern world.

Alternative B – Hinduism

Answer **two** questions.

- 5 'Without the Samkhya system, the practice of Yoga would be pointless.' Discuss.
- 6 Assess the view that the four purushartas offer no practical advice to Hindus about how they should behave in the modern world.
- 7 Assess how far the Arya Samaj movement was merely a reaction to the West.
- 8 'Varnashramadharma is of no relevance to those who follow the bhakti path.' Discuss.



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