



**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)
(SHORT COURSE)**

Paper 3 Buddhism

2393/1

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

**Wednesday 23 June 2010
Afternoon**

Duration: 1 hour



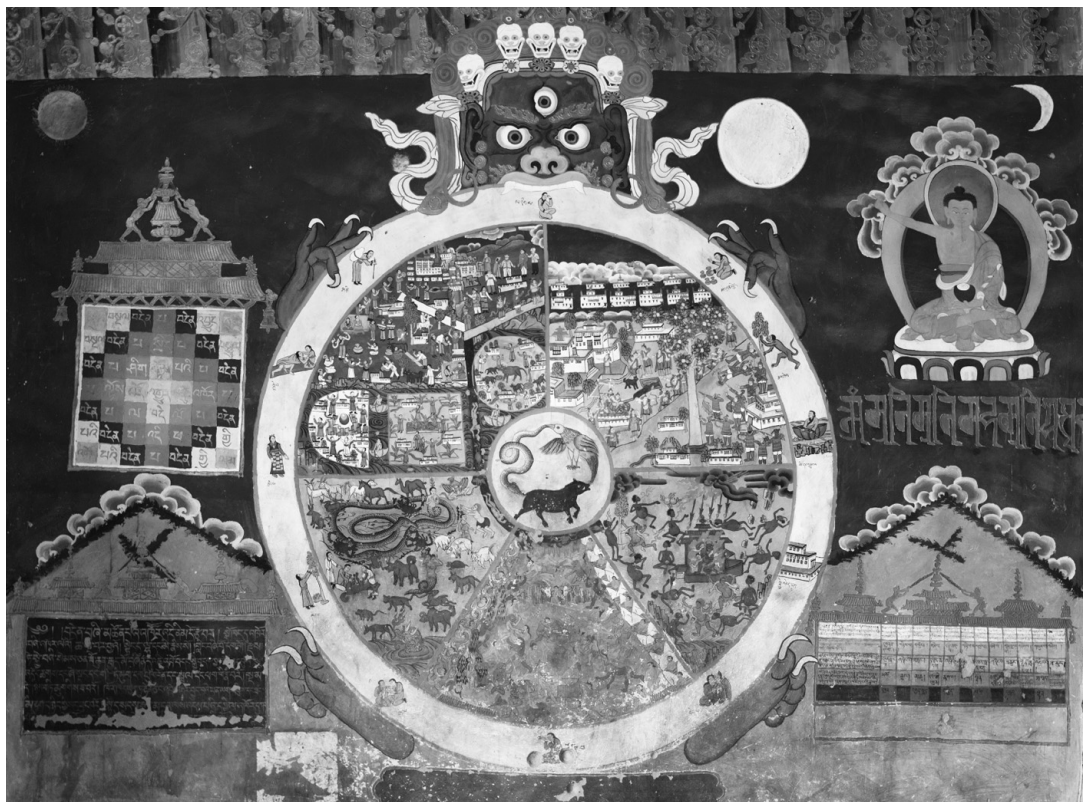
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 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 Question **1** and **one** other question.
- 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 **43**.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.



- 1 (a) Describe what Buddhists believe about rebirth in the six realms. [8]
- (b) Explain how believing in the six realms might affect the way a Buddhist lives. [7]
- (c) 'This life is all there is.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer. [5]

- 2 (a) Describe the artefacts that a Buddhist might use during puja (worship) and how they are used. [8]
- (b) Explain how using a rupa of the Buddha might help a Buddhist in their worship. [7]
- (c) 'Buddhists do not need to perform puja.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

- 3** **(a)** Describe the ceremony of ordination into the Sangha. **[8]**
- (b)** Explain why some Buddhists choose to join the Sangha. **[7]**
- (c)** 'The Sangha is not important today.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. **[5]**

- 4** **(a)** Describe what Buddhists mean by the Three Refuges. **[8]**
- (b)** Explain how the teaching about the Three Universal Truths (the Three Marks of Existence) might help a Buddhist. **[7]**
- (c)** 'The Three Refuges are not of equal importance to Buddhists.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. **[5]**

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