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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Friday 7 June 2024

Morning (Time: 1 hour)

Paper reference **8RS0/4A**

Religious Studies

Advanced Subsidiary
PAPER 4: Study of Religion
Option 4A: Buddhism

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 **two** 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 54.
- 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.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

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

1 Explore key beliefs about the Three Poisons.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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2 Assess the significance of the three refuges.

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3 Assess the view that dhyana is the most effective form of meditation.

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SECTION B

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

4 (a) Explore the key emphases of Mahayana Buddhism.

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(b) Analyse the centrality of Buddha Gautama in Buddhism.

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