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A Level Religious Studies

H573/06 Developments in Buddhist thought

Time allowed: 2 hours

You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **any three** questions.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **120**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer any **three** questions.

In all your responses, you should:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including:
  - religious thought and teaching
  - influence of beliefs, teachings and practices on individuals, societies and communities
  - cause and significance of similarities and differences in belief, teaching and practice
  - approaches to the study of religion and belief.

- analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance, influence and study.

1* Critically assess the relationship between kamma/karma and the wheel of samsara. **[40]**

2* Assess the view that dukkha/duhkha is the most important part of the Four Noble Truths. **[40]**

3* 'The spread of Buddhism to the West changed the Buddha's teachings.' Discuss. **[40]**

4* To what extent are the six paramitas (perfections) only important to the bodhisattva path? **[40]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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