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AS Level Religious Studies

H173/06 Developments in Buddhist thought

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

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 two** questions.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- 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 **two** 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* To what extent is craving the most important concept in Buddhism? **[30]**

2* Assess whether samatha and vipassana/vipaśyanā meditation have the same goal. **[30]**

3* 'The sangha/samgha is the most important refuge.' Discuss. **[30]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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