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J625/04 Buddhism

Beliefs and teachings & Practices

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Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour

No extra materials are needed



First name

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number

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If you need extra space, use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Answer **all** the questions.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **63**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and the use of specialist terminology will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎).
- This document has **12** pages.

(d) Outline why the story of the defeat of Mara is important for Buddhists.

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 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

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2 (a) Describe how a Buddhist might celebrate Wesak.

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(b) Name the **three** poisons.

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(c) Why might a Buddhist perform puja?

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(d) Describe the importance of following the Eightfold Path for Buddhists.

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(e)* “Craving is not the cause of suffering.”

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Buddhism
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.

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