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**Monday 17 June 2019 – Afternoon**

**A Level Religious Studies**

**H573/06** Developments in Buddhist Thought

**Time allowed: 2 hours**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Answer **three** questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the answer booklet provided.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **120**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document consists of **2** pages.

Answer any **three** questions.

In all your responses, you should:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including:
  - knowledge and understanding of 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 practices
  - 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\* Evaluate the role of the three poisons (three fires) in preventing a person from escaping samsara. [40]

2\* 'Westernised Buddhism has distorted the Buddha's teachings.' Discuss. [40]

3\* To what extent is emptiness (*sunyata/sunnata*) the most important concept in Mahayana Buddhism? [40]

4\* Critically discuss the role of women in the monastic sangha. [40]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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