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Unit 12 Buddhism

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Part B

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Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of the answer booklet.

There are 24 marks for each question.

EITHER**B5 Global Issues and the Dhamma (Dharma)**

B5 (a) Explain Buddhist attitudes to race and religion. *(6 marks)*

B5 (b) 'Buddhists should never speak falsehoods (tell lies).'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. *(6 marks)*

B5 (c) Explain Buddhist teachings about nibbana (nirvana). *(6 marks)*

B5 (d) 'Buddhists should be more concerned about the environment than about reaching nibbana (nirvana).'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

OR

B6 The Life of the Buddha and the Dhamma (Dharma)

B6 (a) Explain the significance of the birth stories of the Buddha. *(6 marks)*

B6 (b) 'The most important part of the Buddha's life is when he saw the four signs.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

B6 (c) Explain the importance of the Tipitaka (the Three Baskets) for Buddhists. *(6 marks)*

B6 (d) 'Following the example of the Buddha is more important than studying the scriptures.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

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