



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR 1
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

**ARE 211: THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF GAUTAM
BUDDHA**

Date: 8th December, 2016

Time: 8.30 - 11.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE questions.

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1. Discuss in detail Gautama Buddha's life up to his enlightenment.
2. Evaluate the FOUR Noble Truths.
3. Identify and discuss four major characteristics of Mahayana Buddhism.
4. Discuss the spread of Buddhism in the following areas:
 - a) Korea
 - b) Japan
5. Examine Emperor Asoka's contribution to the development and expansion of Buddhism.
6. a) Evaluate the two main schools of Tibetan Buddhism
 - b) What are the factors that led to the decline of Buddhism in India?