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a) Buddhism began in approximately 500 B.C. It was founded by Prince Gautama Siddhartha in North Eastern India. Under a Bodhi tree in Bodhi Gaya it was said he achieved enlightenment and became known as Buddha (Enlightened one). Buddhism is based on the teachings of Buddha. ~~When Buddha~~ Before ~~Buddha~~ Siddhartha became enlightened he saw an old man, a sick man and death. His aim was to break the cycle of being reborn, dying and being reborn, an endless cycle.

b). Globalisation has had positive impact on Buddhism. Technology has allowed Buddhism to reach every corner of the world. With travelling from place to place made easier, planes, and migration Buddhism has become the world's fastest growing religion. Mainly because of migration from Asian countries. It has also allowed Buddhist leaders like the Dalai Lama to travel to western countries and spread teachings. The internet and media provide further insight into the religion, its teachings, values, beliefs and way of life. With globalisation also comes the impacts of westernisation. Because Buddhism is able to adapt to different cultures it has become very popular in western countries. One of the changes brought on by western society is the lifestyle of monks. Traditionally monks do not

eat after noon, they use this time to walk around their neighborhood with their alms bowls collecting food from the laity. This in turn gives the laity good karma. Because countries like Australia do not have many large Buddhist communities the monks have found an alternative. Some Buddhist temples hold tours, meditation, lectures for those who are interested in learning about Buddhism. They also sell home made goods.

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