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**Edexcel GCSE**

# Religious Studies

## Unit 15: Buddhism

Wednesday 5 June 2013 – Morning

**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS15/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- Questions in Section 1 are where your spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed. The total mark for spelling, punctuation and grammar will be 4.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1** (a) What is **dukkha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the way of wisdom (prajna) is important for everybody?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the three marks of existence are important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "The Wheel of Existence is only a picture."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** (a) What is meant by **samadhi**? (2)
- (b) Do you think lay people are a part of the sangha?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the Tipitaka is important for many Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "The five khandas are not important for Buddhists."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**



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## SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) What is **Zen**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all viharas should look the same?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain the distinctive features of Theravada Buddhism. (8)
- (d) “The Western Buddhist Order is right not to adopt a vow of poverty.”  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 4** (a) What is meant by **Buddha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Mahayana is the best form of Buddhism?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the Buddha’s teachings on the dhamma are important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) “The death and parinibbana is the most important event in the Buddha’s life.”  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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### SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

#### EITHER

- 5 (a) What is **samatha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Wesak is the most important Buddhist festival?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how puja takes place in the home. (8)
- (d) "Vipassana is the most effective form of meditation."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

#### OR

- 6 (a) What is meant by a **mudra**? (2)
- (b) Do you think dhyana meditation should be practised by everybody?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why New Year is important for some Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Rupas are a distraction from meditation."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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## SECTION 4 – LIVING THE BUDDHIST LIFE

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 7 (a) What is meant by **sila**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the five pansils should be followed by everybody?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why khanti (patience) is important in a Buddhist's life. (8)
- (d) "Viharas are essential in the local area."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 8 (a) What is **upekkha**? (2)
- (b) Do you think metta (loving kindness) is important for all people?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the five additional pansils are important in Buddhism. (8)
- (d) "A Buddhist should always think of others first."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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