

Paper Reference(s) 1RA0/2D
Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

Religious Studies A
PAPER 2: Area of Study 2 – Study of
Second Religion
Option 2D – Buddhism

Total Marks

Tuesday 23 May 2023 – Afternoon

Time: 50 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

Surname					
Other names					
Centre Number					
Candidate Number					

YOU MUST HAVE

Nil

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions.

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– there may be more space than you need.**

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 51.

**The marks for EACH question are shown
in brackets – use this as a guide as to how
much time to spend on each question.**

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INFORMATION continued.

The question labelled with an ASTERISK (*) is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on this question with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.

The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Try to answer every question.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Question 1: Beliefs and Teachings

- 1 (a) Outline THREE Buddhist beliefs about the nature of dukkha. (3 marks)**

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1(a) continued.

**(b) Explain TWO reasons why
paticca-samuppada is important
for Buddhists.
(4 marks)**

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2 pages.**

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1(b) continued.

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(c) Explain TWO Buddhist teachings about the nature of nirodha.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
(5 marks)**

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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

***(d) “Sila is the most important aspect of the Threefold Way.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Buddhist teachings**
 - **reach a justified conclusion.**
- (15 marks)**

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)

Question 2: Practices

- 2 (a) Outline THREE purposes of meditation for Buddhists.
(3 marks)**

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2(a) continued.

**(b) Explain TWO reasons why a Buddhist might use mala beads.
(4 marks)**

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2 pages.**

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(c) Explain TWO ways that death and mourning rituals may be significant for Tibetan Buddhists.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
(5 marks)**

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(d) “The most significant of all Buddhist festivals is Parinibbana Day.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Buddhist teachings**
 - **refer to different Buddhist points of view**
 - **reach a justified conclusion.**
- (12 marks)**

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS
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