

Religious Studies B
PAPER 1: Area of Study 1
– Religion and Ethics
Option 1D – Buddhism

Total Marks

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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

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Nil

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Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL the questions.

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

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 102.

**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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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 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: Buddhist Beliefs

- 1 (a) Outline THREE Buddhist teachings about the Five Precepts.
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**(b) Explain TWO Buddhist beliefs about the Wheel of Life.
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(c) Explain TWO reasons why anicca is important to Buddhists.

**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) “It is impossible to overcome desire.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Buddhist teachings**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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Question 2: Marriage and the Family

- 2 (a) Outline THREE Buddhist beliefs about the importance of marriage. (3 marks)**

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**(b) Explain TWO ways the sangha tries to support family life.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO Buddhist teachings about gender discrimination.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “All Buddhists should raise a family.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Buddhist teachings**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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Question 3: Living the Buddhist Life

- 3 (a) Outline THREE Buddhist beliefs about chanting.
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why some
Buddhists celebrate Parinibbana Day.
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(c) Explain TWO reasons why Buddhists perform puja.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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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) “Viharas are the most important places to worship.”**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Buddhist teachings**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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Question 4: Matters of Life and Death

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** Buddhist beliefs about the use of natural resources. (3 marks)

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why Buddhists may support hospice care.
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(c) Explain TWO Buddhist responses to non-religious arguments against life after death.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “The use of abortion is wrong.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Buddhist teachings**
- **refer to relevant ethical arguments**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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