

Religious Studies B
PAPER 2: Area of Study 2 – Religion,
Peace and Conflict
Option 2D – 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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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 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 Eightfold Path.
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**(b) Explain TWO Buddhist beliefs about the cycle of samsara.
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(c) Explain TWO Buddhist beliefs about the Five Khandas.

**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) “Buddhists should work to overcome suffering.”**

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: Crime and Punishment

- 2 (a) Outline THREE Buddhist teachings about crime.
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**(b) Explain TWO Buddhist teachings about why punishment might be needed in society.
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(c) Explain TWO Buddhist teachings about the nature of justice.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “Buddhists should always forgive others.”

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 reasons why using Namo Buddhaya is important to Buddhists.
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**(b) Explain TWO ways objects of devotion are used within Buddhist places of worship.
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(c) Explain TWO reasons why chanting may be important to Buddhists.

**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) “Buddhist funerals should not be sad occasions.”**

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: Peace and Conflict

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** Buddhist teachings about the causes of conflict.
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**(b) Explain TWO ways Buddhists
respond to violence.
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(c) Explain TWO Buddhist teachings about the importance of peace.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “A Buddhist should never fight.”

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.**

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