

Religious Studies B
PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Religion,
Philosophy and Social Justice
Option 3D – 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 beliefs about dukkha.
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why sunnata is important to Buddhists.
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(c) Explain TWO reasons why the Second Noble Truth 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) “The most important event in the life of the Buddha is his enlightenment.”**

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: Philosophy of Religion

- 2 (a) Outline THREE Buddhist teachings about the Realm of Gods.
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why a
Buddhist upbringing may lead
to belief.
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(c) Explain TWO Buddhist beliefs about the nature of enlightenment.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “Visions are not important.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- **refer to Buddhist teachings**
- **refer to non-religious points of view**
- **reach a justified conclusion.**

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Question 3: Living the Buddhist Life

- 3 (a) Outline THREE reasons why having different types of worship might be important for Buddhists.
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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why shrines
may be important to Buddhists.
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(c) Explain TWO reasons why meditation is significant for 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) “Buddharupas are an essential part of Buddhist 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: Equality

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** ways a Buddhist may benefit from living in a multi-faith society.
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**(b) Explain TWO ways Buddhists may
work for social justice.
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(c) Explain TWO reasons why Buddhists may see human rights as important.

**In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
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(d) “All Buddhists must work to end racial discrimination.”

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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