

Religious Studies B
PAPER 3: Area of Study 3 – Religion, Philosophy
and Social Justice
Option 3D – Buddhism

Total Marks

Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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

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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 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.

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.

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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 Buddha-nature.
(3 marks)**

Answer lines continue on the next page.

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**(b) Explain TWO reasons why metta is important for most Buddhists.
(4 marks)**

Answer lines continue on the next page.

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why the founding of the Sangha 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 possible to end suffering.”**

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: Philosophy of Religion

- 2 (a) Outline THREE Buddhists beliefs about religious experience.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Explain TWO Buddhist beliefs about devas.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why Buddhists may think that visions are not important.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

(5 marks)

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(d) “Buddhists believe in miracles.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

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

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

Question 3: Living the Buddhist Life

3 (a) Outline THREE ways that Buddhists may celebrate Wesak.
(3 marks)

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- (b) Explain TWO reasons why Buddhists may believe chanting is important.
(4 marks)**

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3(b) continued.

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why objects of devotion may be important to Buddhists.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

(5 marks)

Answer lines continue on the next page.

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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 perform puja in the vihara.”**

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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Question 4: Equality

- 4 (a) Outline **THREE** Buddhist teachings about wealth.
(3 marks)

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- (b) Explain TWO Buddhist beliefs about discrimination against religions.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why Buddhists may work for social justice.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

(5 marks)

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(d) “All Buddhists should work for racial harmony.”

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.**
- (12 marks)**

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