



A-level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 2A Study of Religion and Dialogues: Buddhism

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **paper reference** is 7062/2A.
- Answer:
 - **both** two-part questions from **Section A**, and
 - **one** question from **Section B**, and
 - **one** question from **Section C**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each two-part question in **Section A**, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- The one-part questions in **Sections B** and **C** test your knowledge and understanding and your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Study of Buddhism

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 1

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Examine why there are different acts of devotion in Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism.

[10 marks]

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‘Ahimsa means that Buddhists should not take part in war.’

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 2

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Examine how scientific discoveries have influenced Buddhist ethical thinking.

[10 marks]

and

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2

‘Buddhism has no effective response to issues arising from the freedom of religious expression.’

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Section B: The dialogue between philosophy and Buddhism

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

Question 3

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'Human life has purpose because there is continuing personal existence after death.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy.

[25 marks]

or

Question 4

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'Miracles have no value for religion today.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy.

[25 marks]

Turn over for Section C

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Section C: The dialogue between ethics and Buddhism

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

Question 5

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'Buddhist teachings about homosexuality and transgender issues are no longer morally acceptable.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and ethical studies.

[25 marks]

or

Question 6

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'Belief in free will undermines religious authority for Buddhists.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and ethical studies.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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