



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 Buddhist views about celibacy and marriage. **[10 marks]**

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 'Buddhists cannot justify the use of weapons of mass destruction.'
Evaluate this claim. **[15 marks]**

Question 2

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 Examine the significant ideas of Stephen Batchelor and David Brazier about the nature of Buddhism. **[10 marks]**

and

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 'Gautama Buddha is very important as a role model for Buddhists.'
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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‘Philosophical arguments are irrelevant to Buddhist beliefs about life 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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‘The beliefs of all religions are equally valid.’

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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'Bentham's way of making moral decisions is compatible with Buddhist ethics.'

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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'Kant's way of moral decision making supports Buddhist beliefs about lying.'

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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