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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2A: Buddhism

Specimen 2017

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer **all** questions.
- The paper reference is 7061/2A
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests 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.

Buddhism

Answer **both** questions.
Each question has two parts.

Question 01

0 1 . **1** Explain the influence of belief in rebirth on Buddhist individuals and communities.
[15 marks]

and

0 1 . **2** 'As a goal of life, a better rebirth is more important to Buddhists than Nirvana (release from rebirth).'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 02

0 2 . **1** Explain the nature of the Pali Canon and its authority for Buddhists.
[15 marks]

and

0 2 . **2** 'Good moral conduct is the most important aspect of the Buddhist way of life.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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