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GCSE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A
Paper 1: Buddhism

Specimen
Morning
Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
Before you open this booklet, you must ensure you have the question paper/answer booklet for the other religion option you are entered for (Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism or Sikhism).

Instructions
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at both the top of this page and the top of the question paper/answer booklet for the other religion option.
• Answer all questions.
• Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
• You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.

Information
• The maximum mark for this option is 51.
• The marks for the questions are shown in brackets.
• Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) will be assessed in the 12-mark question in the Beliefs section.

Advice
You will have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete both question paper/answer booklets. You are advised to spend 50 minutes on this paper and 50 minutes on your other religion option.
BELIEFS

01. Which one of the following is the book which contains stories from the life of the Buddha? [1 mark]

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A  Jataka Tales.  
B  Dhammapada.  
C  Tipitaka.  
D  Pali Canon.

01. 2  Give two reasons why Buddha rejected his life of wealth. [2 marks]

1 ________________________________  
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2 ________________________________  
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01.3 Explain two ways in which learning about the life of the Buddha influences Buddhists today.

[4 marks]

01.4 Explain two Buddhist teachings about nibbana/nirvana.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of Buddhist belief and teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]
For Buddhists, ‘impermanence (anicca) is the most important of the Three Marks of Existence.’

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
• refer to Buddhist teaching
• give reasoned arguments to support this statement
• give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
• reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]
Which one of the following is a Buddhist festival? [1 mark]

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A  Parinirvana.
B  Holi.
C  Anicca.
D  Dukkha.

Give two of the five moral precepts. [2 marks]

1 ____________________________________________________________________
   
2 ____________________________________________________________________
02.3 Explain **two** contrasting Buddhist rituals associated with death and mourning. 

[4 marks]

02.4 Explain **two** ways in which shrines are important in Buddhist worship. 

Refer to sacred writing or another source of Buddhist belief and teaching in your answer. 

[5 marks]
Evaluate the statement: ‘The best way to understand the Buddha’s teachings about the Three Marks of Existence is by meditating.’

In your answer, you should:
- refer to Buddhist teaching
- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]