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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**.

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Question	Mark
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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.

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Give **two** reasons why Buddha rejected his life of wealth.

[2 marks]

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Explain **two** ways in which learning about the life of the Buddha influences Buddhists today.

[4 marks]

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Explain **two** Buddhist teachings about nibbana/nirvana.

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

[5 marks]

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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]

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0 2**PRACTICES****0 2 . 1**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.

0 2 . 2Give **two** of the five moral precepts.**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** contrasting Buddhist rituals associated with death and mourning.

[4 marks]

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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]

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‘The best way to understand the Buddha’s teachings about the Three Marks of Existence is by meditating.’

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]

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