A-level
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Paper 2A Study of religion and dialogues: Buddhism

Monday 11 June 2018 Morning 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

\[ 0 \ 1 \ . \ 1 \]
Examine Buddhist beliefs about the Trikaya.  
[10 marks]

and

\[ 0 \ 1 \ . \ 2 \]
‘There is little agreement in Buddhism about the nature of life after death.’
Evaluate this claim.  
[15 marks]

Question 2

\[ 0 \ 2 \ . \ 1 \]
Examine why there are different Buddhist views about the role of women in Buddhism.  
[10 marks]

and

\[ 0 \ 2 \ . \ 2 \]
‘Buddhism has a negative attitude to homosexuals and transgender people.’
Evaluate this claim.  
[15 marks]
Section B: The dialogue between philosophy and Buddhism

Answer one question from this section.

Either

Question 3

‘Philosophical understandings of religious experience undermine Buddhist beliefs about the authority of the Buddha.’

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

[25 marks]

or

Question 4

‘Miracles do not happen.’

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

[25 marks]

Turn over for Section C
Section C: The dialogue between ethics and Buddhism

Answer one question from this section.

Either

Question 5

05.1

‘Buddhist attitudes to animals are consistent with the views of natural moral law.’

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and natural moral law.

[25 marks]

or

Question 6

06.1

‘There should be no limits on freedom of religious expression.’

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and Bentham’s approach to moral decision making.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS