

## A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 2A Study of Religion and Dialogues: Buddhism

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Tuesday 9 June 2020

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.

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**Section A: Study of Buddhism**

Answer **both** questions in this section.  
Each question has two parts.

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**Question 1**

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Examine the importance of making and sharing merit in Buddhism.

**[10 marks]**

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‘Wealth and possessions are of little value for Buddhists.’

Evaluate this claim.

**[15 marks]**

**Question 2**

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Examine how religious pluralism in modern secular states has influenced Buddhist thinking.

**[10 marks]**

and

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‘Science undermines Buddhist beliefs about karma.’

Evaluate this claim.

**[15 marks]**

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**Section B: The dialogue between philosophy and Buddhism**

Answer **one** question from this section.

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**Either**

**Question 3**

**0 3 . 1** 'It is not reasonable to believe that religious experiences happen.'

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

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**Question 4**

**0 4 . 1** 'Buddhist statements about Nirvana are meaningful only for Buddhists.'

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.

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**Either**

**Question 5**

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'Virtue ethics supports Buddhist views about eating meat.'

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

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**Question 6**

**0 6 . 1**

'The conscience is not a good guide to moral decision making.'

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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