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**A-level**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**Paper 2A Study of Religion and Dialogues: Buddhism**

**7062/2A**

**Time allowed: 3 hours**

**For this paper you must have:**  
• **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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## **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.**

**QUESTION 1**

**01.1**

**Examine why there are different acts of devotion in Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism. [10 marks]**

**AND**

**01.2**

**‘Ahimsa means that Buddhists should not take part in war.’**

**Evaluate this claim. [15 marks]**

**QUESTION 2**

**02.1**

**Examine how scientific discoveries have influenced Buddhist ethical thinking. [10 marks]**

**AND**

**02.2**

**‘Buddhism has no effective response to issues arising from the freedom of religious expression.’**

**Evaluate this claim. [15 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

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

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

**QUESTION 3**

**03.1**

**‘Human life has purpose because there is continuing personal existence after death.’**

**Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy. [25 marks]**

OR

**QUESTION 4**

**04.1**

**‘Miracles have no value for religion today.’**

**Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy. [25 marks]**

**[Turn over]**

**SECTION C: The dialogue between ethics and Buddhism**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

**QUESTION 5**

**05.1**

**‘Buddhist teachings about homosexuality and transgender issues are no longer morally acceptable.’**

**Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and ethical studies.  
[25 marks]**



OR

**QUESTION 6**

**06.1**

**‘Belief in free will undermines religious authority for Buddhists.’**

**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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