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Paper 2A Buddhism

7061/2A

Time allowed: 1 hour

For this paper you must have:
• **an AQA 8-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 7061/2A.**
- **Answer ALL questions.**
- **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 60.**
- **In each question the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of analysis 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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BUDDHISM

Answer BOTH questions.

Each question has two parts.

QUESTION 1

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Explain the Mahayana doctrine of emptiness. [15 marks]

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‘The use of weapons of mass destruction can be justified by Buddhists today.’

Assess this view. [15 marks]

QUESTION 2**02.1**

Explain the influence on Buddhists today of Buddhist meditation as a form of therapy. [15 marks]

AND**02.2**

‘For Buddhists, the most important purpose of life is achieving Nirvana.’

Assess this view. [15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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