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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 Buddhist views about celibacy and marriage. [10 marks]

AND

01.2

‘Buddhists cannot justify the use of weapons of mass destruction.’

Evaluate this claim. [15 marks]

QUESTION 2

02.1

Examine the significant ideas of Stephen Batchelor and David Brazier about the nature of Buddhism. [10 marks]

AND

02.2

‘Gautama Buddha is very important as a role model for Buddhists.’

Evaluate this claim. [15 marks]

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SECTION B: The dialogue between philosophy and Buddhism

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

QUESTION 3

03.1

‘Philosophical arguments are irrelevant to Buddhist beliefs about life after death.’

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

OR

QUESTION 4

04.1

‘The beliefs of all religions are equally valid.’

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

‘Bentham’s way of making moral decisions is compatible with Buddhist ethics.’

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

OR

QUESTION 6

06.1

‘Kant’s way of moral decision making supports Buddhist beliefs about lying.’

**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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