



**A-level**

# **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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

**7062/2A**

**Monday 19 June 2023**

**Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 3 hours**

## **MATERIALS**

**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 views about the application of ahimsa. [10 marks]**

**AND**

**01.2**

**‘There is little agreement in Buddhism on concepts of Buddha.’**

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

**QUESTION 2****02.1**

**Examine how Buddhism responds to materialistic secular values. [10 marks]**

**AND**

**02.2**

**‘Buddhism responds successfully to the issues raised by genetic engineering.’**

**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**

**‘Philosophical arguments for the existence of God show that Buddhist beliefs about Ultimate Reality are not coherent.’**

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

**OR**

**QUESTION 4**

**04.1**

**‘Philosophy does not support belief in the authority of the Pali Canon.’**

**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**

**‘Natural Moral Law gives Buddhists clear guidance on issues surrounding wealth.’**

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



**OR**

**QUESTION 6**

**06.1**

**‘Bentham’s consequential ethics have no value for Buddhists.’**

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

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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