



**GCE AS**

**B120UD0-1**



**FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1**  
**Option D: An Introduction to Buddhism**

1 hour 30 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example 

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

## COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

### Option D – An Introduction to Buddhism

Part **a)** of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part **b)** of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

#### Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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| 0 | 1 | a) Explain how the Theravada monastic sangha use the Patimokkha.  | [25] |
|   |   | b) ‘Buddhists do not need the Patimokkha.’<br>Evaluate this view. | [25] |

**Or,**

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| 0 | 2 | a) Explain how Buddhists might interpret narratives about Buddha’s birth and early life.          | [25] |
|   |   | b) ‘The biography of the Buddha can only be understood as hagiographical.’<br>Evaluate this view. | [25] |

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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| 0 | 3 | a) Examine the practices of dana (giving) and punya (merit) in Buddhism.     | [25] |
|   |   | b) 'Dana is the most important teaching in Buddhism.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [25] |

**Or,**

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| 0 | 4 | a) Explain the application of the dasa sila (ten precepts) within the sangha.     | [25] |
|   |   | b) 'The dasa sila is the only way to regulate the sangha.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [25] |

**Or,**

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| 0 | 5 | a) Examine the Buddhist concept of karma, with reference to Chapter 1 (The Pairs) and Chapter 9 (Evil) of the Dhammapada. | [25] |
|   |   | b) 'The three lakshanas are the most important concepts in Buddhism.'<br>Evaluate this view.                              | [25] |

**END OF PAPER**