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**Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)**

**Tuesday 23 May 2023**

Afternoon (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes)

Paper reference **1RB0/2D**

**Religious Studies B**

**PAPER 2: Area of Study 2 – Religion, Peace and Conflict**

**Option 2D – Buddhism**

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Question 1: Buddhist Beliefs

- 1 (a) Outline **three** of the six perfections.

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- (b) Explain **two** reasons why tathagatagarbha is important to Buddhists.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why dependent origination is important for Buddhists.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

\*(d) "The Wheel of Life is the best way to explain the causes of suffering."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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## Question 2: Crime and Punishment

2 (a) Outline **three** reasons Buddhists may believe justice is important for victims.

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(b) Explain **two** Buddhist attitudes towards the aims of punishment.

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(c) Explain **two** ways Buddhists should treat criminals.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Because human beings perform evil actions, people will always suffer."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- refer to non-religious points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)



### Question 3: Living the Buddhist Life

- 3 (a) Outline **three** Buddhist rituals related to death and mourning.

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- (b) Explain **two** reasons why Buddhists should perform puja in the home.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why Buddhists may recite mantras.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

**\*(d) "Spending time on retreat is essential for Buddhists."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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#### Question 4: Peace and Conflict

- 4 (a) Outline **three** ways Buddhists may respond to issues surrounding conflict.

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- (b) Explain **two** Buddhist responses to non-religious attitudes to weapons of mass destruction.

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(c) Explain **two** Buddhist teachings about war.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Being a pacifist is not possible."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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