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

**Thursday 16 May 2024**

Afternoon (Time: 50 minutes)

Paper reference **1RA0/2D**

**Religious Studies A**

**PAPER 2: Area of Study 2 – Study of Second Religion**

**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 51.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The question labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) is the one where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on this question 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: Beliefs and Teachings

- 1 (a) Outline **three** teachings about the Threefold Way.

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- (b) Explain **two** beliefs about the cessation of tanha.

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(c) Explain **two** teachings about the Five Khandas.

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) "Dependent origination is the most important belief in Buddhism."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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## Question 2: Practices

2 (a) Outline **three** ways Buddhists may celebrate Vassa.

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(b) Explain **two** features of chanting in Buddhism.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why a Bodhi tree may be important to Buddhists.

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

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(d) "The only purpose of Buddhist funerals is to remind others of life's impermanence."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS**



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