



**GCE A LEVEL**

**A120UD0-1**



**MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2024 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 1**  
**A Study of Religion**

**Option D: BUDDHISM**

**2 hours**

**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.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the 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
- account for the influence of social, religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

## Component 1 – A Study of Religion

### Option D – A Study of 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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- a)** Examine the notions of pratityasamutpada and rebirth in Buddhism with reference to the bhavachakra. [20]
- b)** ‘In Buddhism, pratityasamutpada, karma and rebirth are of little help in understanding reality.’  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a)** Examine the Four Noble Truths, with reference to the medical metaphor. [20]
- b)** ‘The Four Noble Truths are essential for all Buddhists.’  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Examine the wider religious interpretations of the Four Sights, with reference to dukkha, anicca and anatta. [20]
- b) 'For Buddhists, the only way the biography of the Buddha should be interpreted is as an accurate historical record.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine Buddhist teaching on going for refuge. [20]
- b) 'The refuges are all of equal value.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Explain the development of Zen, Pure Land and Nichiren Buddhist traditions in Japan. [20]
- b) 'The koan, nembutsu and daimoku are very important expressions of Buddhist teachings.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

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