



GCE AS

B120UD0-1



FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025 – 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,

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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 the Buddhist concepts of anicca and anatta. | [25] |
| | | b) ‘Anicca is the most important teaching in Buddhism.’
Evaluate this view. | [25] |

Or,

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| 0 | 2 | a) Explain Buddhist teachings about rebirth. | [25] |
| | | b) ‘Buddhist teachings about rebirth do not represent reality.’
Evaluate this view. | [25] |

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine the meanings of the Mara/temptation narratives. [25]
- b) 'Awakening is not an experience beyond language.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [25]

Or,

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- a) Explain the chanting practice of going for refuge three times. [25]
- b) 'The Buddha is the most important refuge for Buddhists.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Examine the dasa sila (ten precepts) as training aspirations rather than commandments for the community of believers. [25]
- b) 'The precepts are no longer relevant to monastic life.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [25]

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