



GCE A LEVEL

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TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2020 – 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 pencil or gel pen. Do not use 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, e.g.

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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 notion of karma. [20]

b) ‘The existence of God and other metaphysical questions are not important in Buddhism.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a)** Examine the Four Noble Truths. [20]

b) ‘For Buddhists, the Eightfold Path is the most important part of the Four Noble Truths.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine the Parable of the Burning House in the Lotus Sutra. [20]

b) 'The concept of skilful means is key to understanding Buddhism's diversity.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine the emphasis in Buddhism on testing Buddhist teaching and staying true to experience. [20]

b) 'For Buddhists, relying on personal experience is of more value than any other source of authority within Buddhism.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Explain the reasons for the development of Socially Engaged Buddhism. [20]

b) 'Social engagement is a harmful distraction for Buddhists on the path to Awakening.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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