Religious Studies B
Paper 1: Area of Study 1 – Religion and Ethics
Option 1D – Buddhism

Monday 14 May 2018 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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.
Question 1: Buddhist Beliefs

1. (a) Outline three beliefs about the Three Marks of Existence. (3)

(b) Explain two reasons why panna is important for Buddhists. (4)
(c) Explain **two** reasons why kamma is important for Buddhists.

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

(5)
In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) “Every Buddhist should aim to become a bodhisattva.”*

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Buddhist teachings
• refer to different Buddhist points of view
• reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 2: Marriage and the Family

2  (a) Outline three ways in which family life is important for Buddhists. (3)

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(b) Explain two Buddhist beliefs about sex outside of marriage. (4)

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(c) Explain two Buddhist teachings about the roles of men and women in the family.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority. (5)
(d) “Limiting family size in today’s world shows responsibility.”

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.
Question 3: Living the Buddhist Life

3 (a) Outline three ways meditation can be practised. (3)

(b) Explain two reasons why objects of devotion are used in Buddhist worship. (4)
(c) Explain **two** reasons why Kathina is important to some Buddhists.

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

(5)
In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) “The recitation of mantras is the best way to reach enlightenment.”

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
- refer to Buddhist teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

(15)
(Total for Question 3 = 27 marks)
Question 4: Matters of Life and Death

4  (a) Outline three Buddhist beliefs that support the existence of life after death. (3)

(b) Explain two ways in which Buddhists respond to animal rights. (4)
(c) Explain two ways Buddhists respond to the issue of abortion.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
(d) “It is right to accept scientific arguments about the origins of life.”

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.

(12)
(Total for Question 4 = 24 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 102 MARKS