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

# Religious Studies A

**Paper 2: Area of Study 2 – Study of Second Religion**  
**Option 2D - Buddhism**

Wednesday 16 May 2018 – Afternoon  
**Time: 50 minutes**

Paper Reference

**1RA0/2D**

**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

1 (a) Outline **three** of the Four Sights.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why the Eightfold Path is important.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why metta is important for Buddhists.

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

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\* (d) "Becoming an arahant should be the aim for all Buddhists."

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: Practices**

2 (a) Outline **three** features of puja.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why vipassana meditation is important for some Buddhists.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why chanting is important for Theravada Buddhists.

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

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(d) "Death rituals should be the same for all Buddhists."

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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**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 51 MARKS**



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