



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option D

An Introduction to the Study of Buddhism

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019 – MORNING

1 hour 15 minutes

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 **one** question from Section A and **one** question in Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

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

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 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 unit.
- 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.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option D – An Introduction to the 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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| 0 | 1 | <p>a) Explain the practice and meaning of going for refuge for different Buddhists. [15]</p> <p>b) 'The Buddha is the most important of the three refuges.'
Evaluate this view. [15]</p> | |
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| 0 | 2 | <p>a) Examine the features of two different traditions of meditation in Buddhism. [15]</p> <p>b) 'Meditation is the most valuable practice for Buddhists.'
Evaluate this view. [15]</p> | |
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Section B

Answer one question from this section.

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| 0 | 3 | <p>a) Explain the concepts of pratityasamutpada and rebirth. [15]</p> <p>b) 'The concept of rebirth seems unrealistic in the modern world.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [15]</p> | |
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| 0 | 4 | <p>a) Explain the events leading to the Buddha's Awakening/Enlightenment. [15]</p> <p>b) 'The Awakening/Enlightenment of the Buddha is the most significant feature of Buddhism.'
Evaluate this view. [15]</p> | |
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| 0 | 5 | <p>a) Explain how the dasa sila (ten precepts) are applied within the Buddhist community. [15]</p> <p>b) 'The sangha could not survive without rules.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [15]</p> | |
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