



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2022 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option D

An Introduction to the Study of Buddhism

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 gel pen or correction fluid.

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

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

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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- a)** Explain how the Theravada monastic sangha use the Patimokkha as a source of wisdom and authority. [15]
- b)** ‘Without the Patimokkha rules the sangha would not exist today.’ Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a)** Examine ways in which Buddhists interpret narratives surrounding the birth and early life of the Buddha. [15]
- b)** ‘The biography of the historical Buddha is no longer relevant today.’ Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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a) Outline the role and importance of dana (giving) and punya (merit) in Buddhism. [15]

b) 'There are more important teachings within Buddhism than the notion of punya.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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a) Explain the Buddhist teachings of the three lakshanas (marks of existence). [15]

b) 'The three lakshanas do not represent reality in today's world.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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a) Explain Buddhist teachings about the Four Noble Truths. [15]

b) 'The Four Noble Truths are the only teaching needed within Buddhism.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

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