



GCE AS – **NEW**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1**  
**Option D: An Introduction to Buddhism**

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – MORNING

1 hour 30 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

**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.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.
- 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.

**COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion****Option D – An Introduction to 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,**

1. (a) Examine the notion of karma. [25]

(b) 'Belief in karma makes no sense in the modern world.'  
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [25]

**Or,**

2. (a) Examine the characteristics of bodhisattvas. [25]

(b) 'All Buddhists should aspire to be bodhisattvas.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Section B**

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Examine the account of the birth of the Buddha. [25]

(b) 'The biography of the Buddha is nothing more than fiction.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

4. (a) Explain how the medical metaphor illustrates the Four Noble Truths. [25]

(b) 'Belief in the Four Noble Truths is essential for all Buddhists.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain the role and importance of punya (merit) in Buddhism. [25]

(b) 'Punya should always be transferred.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**END OF PAPER**