



GCE A LEVEL – NEW

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 1
A Study of Religion

Option D: BUDDHISM

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2018 – MORNING

2 hours

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.
- account for the influence of social; religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics.
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

Component 1 – A Study of Religion

Option D – A 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,

1. (a) Examine the growth of Buddhism in Britain. [20]
- (b) ‘Only ‘heritage’ Buddhists are real Buddhists, ‘convert’ Buddhists are not.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

2. (a) Examine Buddhist attitudes to women. [20]
- (b) ‘Buddhist history and texts align with feminism.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Examine Tibetan Buddhist practices. [20]
- (b) ‘Buddhism is about practices, not beliefs.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

4. (a) Explain the three lakshanas (marks of existence). [20]
- (b) ‘The three lakshanas are the most important teachings in Buddhism.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the background and work of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama. [20]
- (b) ‘The Dalai Lama and Thich Nhat Hanh ensure that Buddhism remains relevant in the modern world.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

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