



**GCSE**

**3120U50-1**

**TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2023 – AFTERNOON**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 2**

**PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices**

**– Christianity**

**– Buddhism**

**PART B – Religious Responses to Ethical Themes**

**– Theme 1: Relationships**

**– Theme 2: Human Rights**

**2 hours plus your additional time allowance**

**Surname** \_\_\_\_\_

**First name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Centre Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Number** 0 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>For Examiner's use only</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>SPaG</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	

**PART A**

**PART B**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Answer ALL questions.**

**Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.**

**Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the front cover.**

**Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet taking care to number the question(s) correctly.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.**

**Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).**

**You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts), where relevant.**

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**1 (b) Describe what happens at a Christian Infant Baptism ceremony. [5 marks]**

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1 (c) Explain ways in which Christians use the Bible.

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1 (d) **‘Belief in the afterlife is the most important Christian belief.’**

**Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]**

**Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question.**

**[6 marks]**

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**PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES**

**BUDDHISM**

**2 (a) What do Buddhists mean by ‘bodhisattva’?**

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**2 (b) Describe Buddhist teachings about anatta.**

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**2 (c) Explain why some Buddhists use mantras and mandalas during puja. [8 marks]**

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**2 (d) ‘For Buddhists, not harming any living being is the most important of the Five Precepts.’**

**Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.**

**(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]**

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**PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO ETHICAL THEMES**

**THEME 1: RELATIONSHIPS**

**3 (a) What is meant by ‘responsibilities’? [2 marks]**

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**3 (b) Describe, from Christianity OR Buddhism, the purpose of marriage. [5 marks]**

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**3 (c) Explain Christian AND Buddhist teachings about the nature and purpose of sex. [8 marks]**

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3 (d) 'It is difficult to be married to someone from a different religious tradition.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.  
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

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**PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO ETHICAL THEMES**

**THEME 2: HUMAN RIGHTS**

**4 (a) What is meant by ‘absolute poverty’? [2 marks]**

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**4 (b) Describe how religious believers promote human rights. [5 marks]**

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**4 (c) Explain how a Christian AND a Buddhist charity work to reduce poverty. [8 marks]**

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**4 (d) 'Religious believers should do more to stop prejudice and discrimination.'**

**Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.  
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]**

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