



GCE A LEVEL

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MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2024 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A2 unit 3

Option D: A Study of Buddhism

1 hour 30 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer THREE questions.

**ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION A.
TWO QUESTIONS 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 left-hand margin at the start of each answer.

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

(Turn over)

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**
- **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 unit, including the views of scholars and academics**
- **identify and analyse the nature of connections between the units you have studied**
- **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.**

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UNIT 3 OPTION D – A STUDY OF BUDDHISM

SECTION A

SECTION A QUESTIONS TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION AND BELIEF.

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

- 01. Examine the Tibetan Buddhist practices of mudra, mantra and mandala. [30 marks]**

OR,

- 02. Examine Buddhist responses to the challenges from science. [30 marks]**

(Turn over)

SECTION B

SECTION B QUESTIONS TEST YOUR SKILLS OF ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION, WITH REGARDS TO ASPECTS OF AND APPROACHES TO RELIGION AND BELIEF.

Answer TWO questions from this section.

03. 'Experience is more valuable than other sources of authority in Buddhism.'

Evaluate this view. [30 marks]

04. 'Thich Nhat Hanh's teachings are the best way of ensuring Buddhism's relevance in the modern world.'

Evaluate this view. [30 marks]

05. 'The Vinaya is of central importance for the sangha.'

Evaluate this view. [30 marks]

06. 'Japanese Buddhism is unique.'

Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism.

[30 marks]

END OF PAPER