



**GCE AS/A LEVEL**

**2120UD0-1**

**THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1**

**Option D**

**An Introduction to the Study of Buddhism**

**1 hour 15 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 ONE question from Section A and ONE question in Section B.**

**Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.**

**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 e.g.**

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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.**

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- a) Explain the practice AND meaning of going for refuge for different Buddhists. [15]**
- b) ‘The Buddha is the most important of the three refuges.’  
Evaluate this view. [15]**

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- a) **Examine the features of TWO different traditions of meditation in Buddhism. [15]**
- b) **‘Meditation is the most valuable practice for Buddhists.’ Evaluate this view. [15]**

**SECTION B**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER,**

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- a) **Explain the concepts of praityasamutpada AND rebirth. [15]**
- b) **‘The concept of rebirth seems unrealistic in the modern world.’ Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [15]**

**OR,**

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- a) **Explain the events leading to the Buddha’s Awakening/Enlightenment. [15]**
- b) **‘The Awakening/Enlightenment of the Buddha is the most significant feature of Buddhism.’ Evaluate this view. [15]**

**OR,**

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- a) **Explain how the dasa sila (ten precepts) are applied within the Buddhist community. [15]**
- b) **‘The sangha could not survive without rules.’  
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [15]**

**END OF PAPER**