

A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 2A Study of religion and dialogues: Buddhism

Monday 11 June 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **paper reference** is 7062/2A.
- Answer:
 - **both** two-part questions from Section A, and
 - **one** question from Section B, and
 - **one** question from Section C.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each two-part question in Section A, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- The one-part questions in Sections B and C test your knowledge and understanding and your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Study of Buddhism

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 1

0 1 . 1 Examine Buddhist beliefs about the Trikaya.

[10 marks]

and

0 1 . 2 'There is little agreement in Buddhism about the nature of life after death.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 2

0 2 . 1 Examine why there are different Buddhist views about the role of women in Buddhism.

[10 marks]

and

0 2 . 2 'Buddhism has a negative attitude to homosexuals and transgender people.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Section B: The dialogue between philosophy and Buddhism

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

Question 3

0 3 . 1

'Philosophical understandings of religious experience undermine Buddhist beliefs about the authority of the Buddha.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy.

[25 marks]

or

Question 4

0 4 . 1

'Miracles do not happen.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy.

[25 marks]

Turn over for Section C

Turn over ►

Section C: The dialogue between ethics and Buddhism

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

Question 5

0 5 . 1

'Buddhist attitudes to animals are consistent with the views of natural moral law.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and natural moral law.

[25 marks]

or

Question 6

0 6 . 1

'There should be no limits on freedom of religious expression.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and Bentham's approach to moral decision making.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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