

AS RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 2A Buddhism

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-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 7061/2A.
- Answer **all** questions.
- 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 60.
- In each question the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of analysis and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Buddhism

Answer **both** questions.
Each question has two parts.

Question 1

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 Explain the Mahayana doctrine of emptiness.

[15 marks]

and

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 'The use of weapons of mass destruction can be justified by Buddhists today.'
Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 2

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 Explain the influence on Buddhists today of Buddhist meditation as a form of therapy.

[15 marks]

and

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2

 'For Buddhists, the most important purpose of life is achieving Nirvana.'
Assess this view.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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