

# A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## 2A: Buddhism and Ethics

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Specimen 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.
- Answer:
  - the question from Section A, and
  - **both** two-part questions from Section B and
  - **one** question from Section C
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that 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 Sections A and B, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- The one-part question in Section C tests 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.

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**Section A: Study of Religion**

Answer **both** parts of the question in the section.

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**Question 01**

- 0 1** . **1** Examine why there are different views in Buddhism concerning the issues of:
- marriage
  - homosexuality

You should refer to both issues.

**[10 marks]**

**and**

- 0 1** . **2** 'Buddhist feminism has had little impact on Buddhism.'

Assess this view.

**[15 marks]**

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**Section B: Ethics and Religion**

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

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**Question 02**

**0 2** . **1** Examine the differences between a deontological and a teleological approach to **religious** ethical decision-making. Illustrate your answer with reference to lying.

[10 marks]

and

**0 2** . **2** 'A deontological system of ethical decision-making is unsatisfactory from a religious perspective.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

**Question 03**

**0 3** . **1** Examine differing views about the use of conscience as a guide to moral decision-making.

[10 marks]

and

**0 3** . **2** 'From a religious perspective, embryo research cannot be justified.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

**Turn over for Section C**

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**Section C: The dialogue between ethical studies and religion**

Answer **one** question from this section.

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**Question 04**

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'Buddhist ideas of moral responsibility have been undermined by understandings of the nature of free will.'

Critically discuss and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and ethical studies.

**[25 marks]**

OR

**Question 05**

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'Buddhist understandings of the status and rights of animals have been undermined by ethical studies into animal rights.'

Critically discuss and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and ethical studies.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**