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## Religious Studies B

**PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Religion and Ethics**

**Option 1D – Buddhism**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- Good luck with your examination.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**Question 1: Buddhist Beliefs**

1 (a) Outline **three** Buddhist teachings about suffering.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why the Three Marks of Existence are important to Buddhists.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)**



**Question 2: Marriage and the Family**

2 (a) Outline **three** Buddhist teachings about contraception.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why the family is important for many Buddhists.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why the Buddhist community tries to support families.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Marriage is essential for a good life."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- refer to non-religious points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**



**Question 3: Living the Buddhist Life**

**3** (a) Outline **three** Buddhist death and mourning rituals.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why Buddhists may recite mantras.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why retreats are important to some Buddhists.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**Question 4: Matters of Life and Death**

**4** (a) Outline **three** Buddhist teachings about abortion.

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(b) Explain **two** Buddhist teachings about using the universe as a commodity.

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(c) Explain **two** Buddhist teachings that support the existence of life after death.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Animals should not be used for food."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- refer to relevant ethical arguments
- reach a justified conclusion.

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