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# Religious Studies

## Unit 15: Buddhism

Tuesday 14 June 2011 – Morning

**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS15/01**

**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 **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- 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 with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 1 (a) What is **anicca**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the five khandas are important?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why wisdom (prajna) is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "The Four Noble Truths are the basis of Buddhism."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 2 (a) What is **magga**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Buddhists are part of the sangha?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why the Dhammapada is important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "The Three Marks of Existence are only important for Buddhists."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box . If you change your mind, put a line through the box  and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number:    **Question 1**                       **Question 2**

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## SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 3 (a) What is a **bhikku**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the parinibbana of the Buddha is the most important event of his life?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Mahayana Buddhism has certain features. (8)
- (d) "Without the founding of the sangha there would be no Buddhism today."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 4 (a) What is the **Lotus Sutra**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Western Buddhist Order is real Buddhism?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why the four sights are important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "All viharas should be the same."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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### SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is a **mandala**? (2)
- (b) Do you think mudras help with meditation?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why vipassana meditation is important for many Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "Buddhists should not celebrate New Year."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

**OR**

- 6** (a) What is **Vassa**? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone should practice samatha meditation?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why mantras are important for Buddhists. (8)
- (d) "The home is the best place for Buddhists to worship."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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## SECTION 4 – LIVING THE BUDDHIST LIFE

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 7 (a) What is meant by **pansil**? (2)
- (b) Do you think a vihara is important to a local area?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why a Buddhist organisation works to relieve poverty. (8)
- (d) "Khanti (patience) is only important for Buddhists."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8 (a) What is **metta**? (2)
- (b) Should Buddhists follow the five additional pansils?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some people might find it easy to live the Buddhist life today. (8)
- (d) "Right livelihood should not affect a person's choice of job."  
In your answer you should refer to Buddhism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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