



**GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1**

**Option D**

**An Introduction to the Study of Buddhism**

**THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – MORNING**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this unit.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

## UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

### Option D – An Introduction to the Study of Buddhism

Part (a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

#### Section A

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

1. (a) Examine the Theravada teaching about the arhat (worthy one). [15]
- (b) ‘The arhat, rather than the bodhisattva, best reflects the teachings of the Buddha.’  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

2. (a) Examine the notion of pratityasamutpada. [15]
- (b) ‘Pratityasamutpada accurately describes reality.’  
Evaluate this view. [15]

#### Section B

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Examine the practices of metta bhavana (loving-kindness) **and** zazen (just sitting). [15]
- (b) ‘Meditation is a waste of time in modern society.’  
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [15]

**Or,**

4. (a) Explain the Threefold Trainings in the Eightfold Path. [15]
- (b) ‘Morality without wisdom and meditation is worthless.’  
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [15]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain what the Four Sights mean to Buddhists. [15]
- (b) ‘The life of the Buddha is not important to Buddhists.’  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**END OF PAPER**