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RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

Paper 1 Buddhism

Tuesday 13 May 2025 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

Before you open this book, you must ensure you also have:

- the Question Paper/Answer Book for the other **religion option** you are entered for (Catholic Christianity, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism **or** Sikhism).
- You will have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete **both** Question Paper/Answer Books.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page **and** on your other book.
- Answer **all** questions.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 51.
- The marks for the questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) will be assessed in the 12-mark question in the **Beliefs** section.

Advice

You are advised to spend 50 minutes on this religion option and 50 minutes on your **other** religion option.

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Buddhism: Beliefs

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Which **one** of the following terms is the word for the Eightfold Path in Buddhism?**[1 mark]**

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A Dukkha☐**B** Magga☐**C** Samudaya☐**D** Tanha☐

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Give **two** Buddhist beliefs about Bodhisattvas.**[2 marks]**1 _____
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Explain **two** reasons why experiencing the ascetic life was important to Siddhartha Gautama.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of Buddhist belief and teaching in your answer.

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Buddhism: Practices

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Which **one** of the following describes a worship ritual in Buddhism?**[1 mark]**

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A Gompa☐**B** Puja☐**C** Vihara☐**D** Wesak☐

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Give **two** reasons why worship at home is important to many Buddhists.**[2 marks]**1 _____
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