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Pearson Edexcel
Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

Religious Studies B

**Paper 2: Area of Study 2 – Religion, Peace
and Conflict**

Option 2D – Buddhism

Wednesday 16 May 2018 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Paper Reference

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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.

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

Question 1: Buddhist Beliefs

1 (a) Outline **three** ways in which nibbana is important for Buddhists.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why samadhi is important for Buddhists.

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***(d) "The Wheel of Life helps Buddhists understand causes of suffering."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

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

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Question 2: Crime and Punishment

2 (a) Outline **three** Buddhist aims for the use of punishment.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why forgiveness is important in Buddhism.

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(d) "No-one should support the use of capital punishment."

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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Question 3: Living the Buddhist Life

3 (a) Outline **three** ways objects of devotion are used by Buddhists.

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why festivals are important for Buddhists.

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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

***(d)** "Samatha is the best form of meditation."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Buddhist teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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Question 4: Peace and Conflict

4 (a) Outline **three** Buddhist teachings about passive resistance.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why most Buddhists do not support the use of weapons of mass destruction.

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(d) "Everyone should support the Just War theory."

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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