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GCSE (9–1) Religious Studies

J625/09 Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a Buddhist perspective

Time allowed: 2 hours



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **126**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar and the use of specialist terminology (SPaG) will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎). 6 marks can be awarded for SPaG.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Answer **all** the questions.

1 Relationships and families

(a) Describe **one** purpose of marriage according to Buddhism. [3]

(b) Describe how Buddhist teachings could be applied to the issue of contraception. [6]


(c) Explain why Buddhists might have different attitudes towards questions of sexual misconduct.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) 'Marriage is nothing to do with religion for Buddhists.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Buddhism.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Buddhism. [15]

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

2 The existence of Ultimate Reality

(a) Describe the role of 'skilful action' in deciding what is good. [3]

(b) Describe how dependent origination causes *samsara*. [6]

(c) Explain what Buddhism teaches about the reasons for human suffering.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) 'Discussions about Ultimate Reality are pointless.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Buddhism.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Buddhism. [15]

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

3 Religion, peace and conflict

(a) Outline what is meant by the phrase 'Conditional pacifism'. [3]

(b) Describe how Buddhist communities might work to bring about peace. [6]

(c) Explain why Buddhists might be opposed to terrorism.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)* 'Religion should have nothing to do with politics.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Buddhism.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Buddhism. [15]

4 Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes

(a) Outline **one** attitude that Buddhists might have towards abortion. [3]

(b) Describe the attitudes some Buddhists might have towards the role of the Church of England in public life.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Explain why some Buddhists might object to laws about genetic manipulation.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)* 'There is no need for Buddhist faith schools.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Buddhism.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Buddhism. [15]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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