



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

**Thursday 16 May 2024 – Afternoon**

**GCSE (9–1) Religious Studies**

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

**Time allowed: 2 hours**

No extra materials are needed.



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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Answer **all** the questions.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **126**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and the use of specialist terminology will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎).
- This document has **20** pages.

### ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

## 1 Relationships and families

**(a)** Outline **one** Buddhist belief about equality.

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**(b)** Describe how Buddhist teachings could be applied to the issue of divorce.

[6]

**(c)** Explain how culture might influence Buddhist views about equality.

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

..... [6]

**(d)** 'It is best for children to learn their religion from their parents.'

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.

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 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

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## 2 The existence of God

**(a)** Outline what is meant by the phrase ‘Buddha’s Noble Silence’.

..... [3]

**(b)** Describe Buddhist beliefs about the balance of pleasure and pain.

[6]

- (c)** Explain why puja might be considered an important religious practice for Buddhists.

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

[6]

**(d)** 'Human suffering proves that evil exists in the world.'

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.

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 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

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### 3 Religion, peace and conflict

**(a)** Outline the concept of Holy War.

..... [3]

**(b)** Describe the role the Buddhist community might take during a violent conflict.

[6]

**(c)** Explain why a Buddhist might be an absolute pacifist.

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

..... [6]

(d)\* 'Some wrongs can never be forgiven.'

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.

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#### 4 Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes

**(a)** Outline what an agnostic worldview is.

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**(b)** Outline some of the challenges for Christian religious traditions in Britain today.

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

[6]

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

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**(d)\*** 'Marriage is a matter for secular law.'

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.

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