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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1
Option D: An Introduction to Buddhism

THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – MORNING

1 hour 30 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 50 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 component.
- 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.

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COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option D – An Introduction to 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)* Explain the significance of the Four Sights in Buddhism. [25]

(b) 'The Four Sights offer the best insight into Buddhist teachings about impermanence and no-self.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

2. *(a)* Explain the importance of the Four Parajikas. [25]

(b) 'Buddhism emphasises the importance of rules above all else.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** *question from this section.*

Either,

3. *(a)* Examine the notion of pratityasamutpada. [25]

(b) 'The teaching about pratityasamutpada describes reality as it really is.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. *(a)* Examine the Eightfold Path. [25]

(b) 'Wisdom without morality is meaningless.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [25]

Or,

5. *(a)* Examine different practices of Buddhist meditation. [25]

(b) 'Meditation is a waste of time in today's world.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Buddhism. [25]

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