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Paper 2A Buddhism

Thursday 25 May 2017

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer **all** questions.
- The paper reference is 7061/2A
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- In each question the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of analysis and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Buddhism

Answer **both** questions.
Each question has two parts.

Question 01

0 1 . 1 Explain why there are different Buddhist beliefs about the authority of the Pali Canon **and** why the differences between them are significant. **[15 marks]**

and

0 1 . 2 'From a Buddhist point of view, Nirvana cannot be clearly described.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

Question 02

0 2 . 1 Explain why good moral conduct is important in Buddhism. **[15 marks]**

and

0 2 . 2 'Buddhist meditation is just a form of therapy.'
Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS

