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Tuesday 23 November 2021 – 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.

Answer **all** the questions.

1 Relationships and families

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

..... [3]

(b) Describe why Buddhists might believe discrimination on the basis of gender is wrong.

[6]

(c) Explain why Buddhists might have different attitudes towards the importance of marriage.

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

[6]

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

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[6]

- (c) Explain why Buddhists might disagree about the importance of scripture for revealing Ultimate Reality.

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

[6]

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(a) Describe what is meant by conventional warfare.

..... [3]

[3]

..... [6]

[6]

(c) Compare different Buddhist attitudes to using violence to achieve social justice.

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

[6]

(d)* 'It is wrong for a Buddhist to join the army.'

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]**

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4 Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes

(a) Outline what is meant by 'exclusivism'.

..... [3]

(b) Outline the importance of Christian traditions to Buddhists in Britain.

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

[6]

(c) Explain why Buddhists might have different views about proselytisation.

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

[6]

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