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Paper 2A Buddhism

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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. The **Paper Reference** is 7061/2A.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work 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 1**0 1 . 1**

Explain reasons why Buddhists hold different views about the authority of the Pali Canon.

[15 marks]**and****0 1 . 2**

‘For Buddhists, Nirvana cannot be understood.’

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**Question 2****0 2 . 1**

Explain the six perfections of Mahayana Buddhism.

[15 marks]**and****0 2 . 2**

‘Buddha images are an important part of Buddhist worship.’

Assess this view.

[15 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS****Copyright information**

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