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WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES Route A – Component 3

Option 1

Buddhism

1 hour

**Please note the question paper and mark scheme were amended in August 2025.
Question 1b is different from that which appeared on the Summer 2025 paper.**

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	30	
2.	30	
Total	60	

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts) where relevant.

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Answer **all** questions.

1. Beliefs and Teachings

(a) What do Buddhists mean by '(s)kandhas'?

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(b) Describe what some Buddhists believe about Amida Buddha.

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Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]





2. Practices

(a) What do Buddhists mean by 'pratitya'?

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(b) Describe how some Buddhists might use malas.

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(c) Explain why Buddhists make offerings.

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- Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]



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