



GCSE

3120UE0-1

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2024 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 1

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

- **Christianity**
- **Buddhism**

PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

- **Theme 1: Life and Death**
- **Theme 2: Good and Evil**

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

PART A	For Examiner's use only		
	Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
	1.	30	
	SPaG	6	
	2.	30	
PART B	3.	30	
	4.	30	
	Total	126	

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First name(s) _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on page 2.

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.

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

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.

**PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS
AND PRACTICES**

CHRISTIANITY

**1 (a) What do Christians mean by the
‘Holy Spirit’? [2 marks]**

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1 (b) Describe the birth of Jesus.
[5 marks]

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1 (c) Explain Christian teachings about forgiveness. [8 marks]

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1 (d) 'A Christian must go to church or chapel.'

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 marks]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question. [6 marks]

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PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

BUDDHISM

2 (a) What do Buddhists mean by 'dhamma'? [2 marks]

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2 (b) Describe how some Buddhists meditate. [5 marks]

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2 (c) Explain why the Buddha is important in Buddhism. [8 marks]

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**2 (d) ‘All Buddhists should celebrate
Parinirvana Day.’**

**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 marks]**

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES

THEME 1: LIFE AND DEATH

3 (a) What is meant by ‘evolution’?

[2 marks]

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**3 (b) Describe, from EITHER Christianity
OR Buddhism, beliefs about life after
death. [5 marks]**

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3 (c) Explain Christian AND Buddhist attitudes towards euthanasia.

[8 marks]

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3 (d) 'It is not possible to accept both scientific and religious views of the origin of the universe.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religious AND non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists, in your answer.) [15 marks]

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PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES

THEME 2: GOOD AND EVIL

4 (a) What is meant by ‘conscience’?
[2 marks]

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4 (c) Explain, from Christianity AND Buddhism, beliefs about the aims of punishment. [8 marks]

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4 (d) ‘God cannot exist when there is so much suffering in the world.’

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 marks]

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