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Religious Studies

Unit H173D/06: Development in Buddhist thought

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
LI	Level one – to be used at the end of each part of the response in the margin.
L2	Level two – to be used at the end of each part of the response in the margin.
L3	Level three – to be used at the end of each part of the response in the margin.
L4	Level four – to be used at the end of each part of the response in the margin.
L5	Level five – to be used at the end of each part of the response in the margin.
\{\}	Highlighting a section of the response that is irrelevant to the awarding of the mark.
SEEN	Point has been seen and noted, e.g. where part of an answer is at the end of the script.

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Introduction

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. You should ensure that you have copies of these materials:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper and its rubrics
- · the mark scheme.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**. Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

Information and instructions for examiners

The practice scripts provide you with *examples* of the standard of each band. The marks awarded for these scripts will have been agreed by the Lead Marker and Team Leaders.

The specific task-related indicative content for each question will help you to understand how the band descriptors may be applied. However, this indicative content **does not** constitute the mark scheme: it is material that candidates **might** use, grouped according to each assessment objective tested by the question. It is hoped that candidates will respond to questions in a variety of ways. Rigid demands for 'what must be a good answer' would lead to a distorted assessment. Candidates' answers must be relevant to the question. Beware of prepared answers that do not show the candidate's thought and which have not been adapted to the thrust of the question. Beware also of answers where candidates attempt to reproduce interpretations and concepts that they have been taught but have only partially understood.

Using the Mark Scheme

Please study this Mark Scheme carefully. The Mark Scheme is an integral part of the process that begins with the setting of the question paper and ends with the awarding of grades. Question papers and Mark Schemes are developed in association with each other so that issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed from the very start.

This Mark Scheme is a working document; it is not exhaustive; it does not provide 'correct' answers. The Mark Scheme can only provide 'best guesses' about how the question will work out, and it is subject to revision after we have looked at a wide range of scripts.

Please read carefully all the scripts in your allocation and make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. Always be prepared to use the full range of marks.

Assessment Objectives

Two Assessment Objectives are being assessed in all questions:

AO1 (Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief) and

AO2 (Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance, influence and study).

Responses are credited for AO1 for selection, detail and accuracy of the knowledge and understanding of religion and belief deployed.

Responses are credited for **AO2** for how well the response addresses the question, for candidates using their knowledge and understanding to draw, express and support conclusions in relation to the question posed. Candidates will be assessed on the quality of the conclusions and points they argue and the clarity and success of their argument.

Levels of Response

Questions in this paper are marked using a levels of response grid, when using this grid examiners must use a **best fit** approach. Where there are both strengths and weaknesses in a particular response, particularly imbalanced responses in terms of the assessment objectives, examiners must carefully consider which level is the best fit for the performance.

Note that candidates can achieve different levels in each assessment objective, for example a Level 3 for AO1, and a Level 2 for AO2. To use these grids:

Determine the level: start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer.

Determine the mark within the level: consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
On the borderline of this level and the one	At bottom of level
below	
Just enough achievement on balance for this	Above bottom and either below middle or at middle of level (depending on number of marks
level	available)
Meets the criteria but with some slight	Above middle and either below top of level or at middle of level (depending on number of marks
inconsistency	available)
Consistently meets the criteria for this level	At top of level

Please note that the Assessment Objectives being assessed are listed at the top of the mark scheme. Where a candidate does not address all of the Assessment Objective strands listed, the candidate cannot achieve the top level of response.

Assessment of Extended Response

The GCE General Conditions of Recognition state that:

GCE 5.1 In designing and setting the assessments for a GCE qualification which it makes available, or proposes to make available, and awarding organization must ensure that, taken together, those assessments include questions or tasks which allow Learners to -

a)provide extended responses

As such, the quality of extended responses are assessed in all questions. While marks are not specifically given for this, descriptors for extended responses can be found in the AO2 Levels of Response *in italics*.

Level	Levels of Response for AS Level Religious Studies: Assessment Objective 1 (AO1)	Note: The descriptors below must be considered in the context of all listed			
(Mark)	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including:	strands of Assessment Objectives 1 (AO1) and the indicative content in the			
	Religious, philosophical and/or ethical thought and teaching Approaches to the study of religion and balling.	mark scheme.			
	Approaches to the study of religion and belief A very good demonstration of knowledge and understanding in reappose to the guestian to				
5 (13–	A very good demonstration of knowledge and understanding in response to the question :				
15)	focuses on the precise question throughout				
10)	very good selection of relevant material which is used appropriately				
	accurate, and detailed knowledge which demonstrates very good understanding through eith	er the breadth or depth of material used			
	accurate and appropriate use of technical terms and subject vocabulary.				
	a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and a very good range of scholarly views.	authority are used to demonstrate knowledge and understanding			
4 (10	A good demonstration of knowledge and understanding in response to the question:				
(10– 12)	addresses the question well				
12)	good selection of relevant material, used appropriately on the whole				
	 mostly accurate knowledge which demonstrates good understanding of the material used, where the state of the material used, where the state of the s	nich should have reasonable amounts of depth or breadth			
	 mostly accurate and appropriate use of technical terms and subject vocabulary. 				
	a good range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and author	rity are used to demonstrate knowledge and understanding			
3	A satisfactory demonstration of knowledge and understanding in response to the question:				
(7–9)	generally addresses the question				
	mostly sound selection of mostly relevant material				
	some accurate knowledge which demonstrates sound understanding through the material us	ed, which might however be lacking in depth or breadth			
	 generally appropriate use of technical terms and subject vocabulary. 				
	A satisfactory range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and	authority are used to demonstrate knowledge and understanding with only			
	partial success				
2	A basic demonstration of knowledge and understanding in response to the question:				
(4–6)	might address the general topic rather than the question directly				
	limited selection of partially relevant material				
	some accurate, but limited, knowledge which demonstrates partial understanding				
	 some accurate, but limited, use of technical terms and appropriate subject vocabulary. 				
	a limited range of scholarly views, academic approaches, and/or sources of wisdom and authority	are used to demonstrate knowledge and understanding with little success			
1	A weak demonstration of knowledge and understanding in response to the question:				
(1–3)	almost completely ignores the question				
	very little relevant material selected				
	knowledge very limited, demonstrating little understanding				
	very little use of technical terms or subject vocabulary.				
	 very little or no use of scholarly views, academic approaches and/or sources of wisdom and authority to demonstrate knowledge and understanding 				
0	No creditworthy response				
(0)	(0)				

Level	Levels of Response for AS Level Religious Studies: Assessment Objective 2 (AO2)	Note: The descriptors below must be considered in the context of all elements of					
(Mark)	Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their	Assessment Objective 2 (AO2) and the indicative content in the mark scheme.					
(3)	significance, influence and study	(· , · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
5	A very good demonstration of analysis and evaluation in response to the question:						
(13–15)	ear and convincing argument						
	successful and clear analysis and evaluation						
	views very well stated, coherently developed and justified	pped and justified					
	answers the question set competently						
	accurate and appropriate use of technical terms and subject vocabulary.	erms and subject vocabulary.					
	a very good range of scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and aut	academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority used to support analysis and evaluation					
	Assessment of Extended Response: There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning	g which is coherent, relevant and logically structured.					
4	A good demonstration of analysis and evaluation in response to the question:						
(10–12)	argument is generally successful and clear						
	generally successful analysis and evaluation						
	views well stated, with some development and justification						
	answers the question set well						
	mostly accurate and appropriate use of technical terms and subject vocabulary.						
	a good range of scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authorit						
	Assessment of Extended Response: There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear	r, relevant and logically structured					
3	A satisfactory demonstration of analysis and/evaluation in response to the question:						
(7–9)	some successful argument						
	partially successful analysis and evaluation						
	views asserted but often not fully justified						
	mostly answers the set question						
	generally appropriate use of technical terms and subject vocabulary.						
	a satisfactory range of scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority are used to support analysis and evaluation with only partial success						
2	Assessment of Extended Response: There is a line of reasoning presented which is mostly re A basic demonstration of analysis and evaluation in response to the question:	evant and which has some structure.					
(4–6)	some argument attempted, not always successful						
(4-0)	little successful analysis and evaluation						
	views asserted but with little justification						
	only partially answers the question						
	some accurate, but limited, use of technical terms and appropriate subject vocabulary.						
	a limited range of scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority.	ty to support analysis and evaluation with little success					
	Assessment of Extended Response: There is a line of reasoning which has some relevance a						
1	A weak demonstration of analysis and evaluation in response to the question:						
(1–3)	very little argument attempted						
	very little successful analysis and evaluation						
	views asserted with very little justification						
	unsuccessful in answering the question						
	very little use of technical terms or subject vocabulary.						
	• very little or no use of scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and au						
	Assessment of Extended Response: The information is communicated in a basic/unstructured way.						
0 (0)	No creditworthy response						

Question	Response: Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1	'The Buddha's enlightenment was the most significant part of his life.' Discuss	30	
	The following is a description of possible content only; all legitimate answers and approaches must be credited appropriately. Learners are expected to make use of scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority to support their argument.		
	The Levels of Response must be used in conjunction with the outlined indicative content. Weak, basic, satisfactory, good and very good responses will differentiate candidates' skills at:		
	 demonstrating knowledge and understanding of religion and belief in accordance with all relevant strands of AO1 indicated in the coverage grid and 		
	 the analysis and evaluation of aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief. 		
	AO1 Candidates may demonstrate knowledge and understanding through the use of some of the following materials:	(AO1 15)	
	 the story of the Buddha's enlightenment; sitting under the Bodhi tree, meditating, tempted by and then defeating Mara 		The retelling the story of the Buddha's life is less credit worthy than a targeted
	 the events leading up to enlightenment such as the four passing sights, the ascetic lifestyle and the abandonment of that lifestyle 		approach focusing on the key aspect from the question. However, a candidate could re-tell the story but highlighting the importance of the
	 the events that follow it such as the request from Brahma to teach, the Deer Park Sermon or the teaching career 		aspects told.
	 an explanation of the significance of the Buddha's enlightenment as: the 		

Question	Response: Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
	re-introduction of Buddhism to the world; the first turning of the dhamma wheel; the end of suffering; providing humans with access to nibbana once more		
	 an explanation of enlightenment itself as the seeing of the truth of suffering, and nibbana as the end of suffering and of the ignorance that causes it. 		
	AO2 Candidates may demonstrate evaluation and analysis through the use of some of the following arguments:	(AO2 15)	
	 some candidates might argue that the Buddha's enlightenment was the most significant part of his life because: 		
	 without becoming enlightened the Buddha would not be 'the Buddha' or have taught the Four Noble Truths and helped others gain an end to suffering 		
	 it shows that the Buddha's teachings are true and that the goal is achievable. 		
	 some candidates might argue that the Buddha's enlightenment was not the most significant part of his life because: 		Candidates may mention the difference between the Buddha and a pratyekabuddha at this stage- The
	 the events leading up to it are more important; as these experiences shaped the Buddha's thought and led to his enlightenment. Examples might include the four passing sights or the life as an ascetic 		Buddha teaches once enlightened whereas a <i>pratyekabuddha</i> does not.
	o other events such as the Deer Park Sermon might be more		

Question	Response: Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
	significant. The Deer Park Sermon might be more important		
	because it is the first turning of the Dhamma Wheel, which		
	introduces the fundamental teachings of the Buddha.		
	o the death of the Buddha may be more significant because it proves		
	many of the teachings such as anicca to be true. It also sets up the		
	Sangha as the source of wisdom and authority for Buddhists.		
	Some candidates may combine these views and argue that:		
	 the enlightenment is one aspect within a significant life and no single element is more important than another. All of the aspects of the Buddha's life have significance for Buddhism and Buddhists. 		

Question	Response: Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
2	Assess the view that the Second Noble Truth is the most important of the Four Noble Truths.	30	
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	The Levels of Response must be used in conjunction with the outlined indicative content. Weak, basic, satisfactory, good and very good responses will differentiate candidates' skills at:		

•	demonstrating knowledge and understanding of religion and belief in
	accordance with all relevant strands of AO1 indicated in the coverage
	grid and

• the analysis and evaluation of aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief.

(AO1 15)

AO1 Candidates may demonstrate knowledge and understanding through the use of some of the following materials:

- the First Noble Truth that all life contains suffering (dukkha)
- there are three types of suffering: that associated with physical suffering; that associated with change or impermanence and that associated with psychological angst
- the Second Noble Truth that suffering is caused by craving and that this craving leads to poisons such as greed hatred and ignorance.
- the poisons generate *kamma* and keep beings trapped within the wheel of *samsara*
- the Third Noble Truth that there is an escape, which is *nibbana* i.e. the cessation of suffering, the ending of the three poisons/fires of greed, hatred and ignorance
- the Fourth Noble Truth is the path to escape suffering i.e. the Noble Eightfold Path comprising: right view, right thought, right action, right speech, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right concentration. It is not a step-by-step path but a set of interlinked guidelines.

Candidates may spend longer explaining the Second Noble Truth as it is the focus of the question.

AO2 Candidates may demonstrate evaluation and analysis through the use of some of the following arguments:	(AO2 15)	
some candidates might argue that Second Noble Truth is the most important because:		
 it shows the origin of suffering and demonstrates this through the teaching on dependent origination. Without an understanding of the origins of suffering the Four Noble Truths do not make any sense 		
o it addresses the question the Buddha asked, 'why do we suffer?'		A small amount of information can be
 it shows the links to other Buddhist concepts such as kamma, anatta, punabbhava, dependent origination and the 12 nidanas. 		used well and gain good marks on AO2. But the candidate needs to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the
Some candidates might argue that Second Noble Truth is not the most important because:		interconnectedness of the key concepts in order to gain higher marks on AO1.
 one of the other Three Noble Truths could be more important. For example the First Noble Truth identifies the nature of suffering within the six realms of existence. This shows the nature of dukkha and its different forms as well as linking to what it is that feel dukkha (i.e. the 5 khandhas) 		
 the third shows that there is an escape from this suffering and shows the link between kamma, samsara and nibbana 	1	
 the fourth gives a practical guide to escape that suffering by showing the three-fold path to detachment from the self 		
 the Fourth Noble Truth of magga (the Eightfold Path) is the most significant as this is the foundation of the Buddhist way of life and 		

	key to becoming enlightened		
	 there is no point knowing what suffering is, what causes it and that it can be escaped without actually knowing how to escape it. 		
	some candidates may combine these views and argue that:		
	 all Four Noble Truths are equally important, as the teaching as a whole shows the true nature of life or samsara, suffering and the escape from that suffering and from samsara. 		
Question	Response: Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
3	Critically discuss the view that Buddhist meditation is pointless without mindfulness.	30	
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	 demonstrating knowledge and understanding of religion and belief in accordance with all relevant strands of AO1 indicated in the coverage grid and 		
	the analysis and evaluation of aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief.		

AO1 Candidates may demonstrate knowledge and understanding through the use of some of the following materials:	(AO1 15)	
mindfulness itself is bare attention without discriminating thought. This is the non-reacting, non-judging of all phenomena that come into contact with the six senses		
 the Buddha refers to right mindfulness as a faculty of active memory, calling to mind and keeping in mind instructions and intentions that will be useful on the path 		
mindfulness is the central feature to meditative practice as it brings a practioner's attention to a single point of focus, whether that is breathing or a more complex set of visualisations, thoughts, objects or mantras		
 meditation is one of the three sections of the Eightfold Path; right mindfulness being one of the eight areas of focus. 		
 this teaches that samatha meditation focuses on mindfulness of breath and calm abiding. It is often the first stage to be taught to new meditation practioners 		
 vipassana meditation focuses on the mindfulness of single pointed thought. This could be linked to the use of mantras, visualisations, objects or pure thought 		
 the different levels of consciousness (jhanas) and how mindfulness develops through these. 		
AO2 Candidates may demonstrate evaluation and analysis through the use of some of the following arguments;	(AO2 15)	
some candidates might argue that meditation is pointless without		

mindfulness because:

- mindfulness is an essential prerequisite to all forms of meditation as it develops bare attention and allows for the practioners to focus single mindedly
- mindfulness is itself a goal of the practioner as it brings freedom from suffering which lasts beyond just the meditative state if one is mindful at all times.
- being mindful means being selfless because if one is fully aware of their thoughts, speech and actions one is fully aware of the consequences of those thoughts, words and deeds
- this also means that one does not generate any kamma because all thoughts, words and actions, although volitional, are generated out of loving kindness and merit transference.
- some candidates might argue that meditation is not pointless without mindfulness because:
 - the Buddha taught that right mindfulness is a faculty of active memory, calling to mind and keeping in mind instructions and intentions that will be useful on the path, rather than bare attention which may be a later adaptation based on teaching mediation
 - right mindfulness is the development of the state of mind brought about through right effort. This removes unhelpful/unwholesome thoughts and cultivates/holds onto helpful wholesome thoughts, therefore, it is not a meditative practice.
 - o the view that mindfulness is just one element within meditation practice

Candidates might note the Thanissaro Bhikkhu suggests that there is no distinction between any type of meditation. Samatha, Vipassana or mindfulness (which could be in either) are all the same; they all focus the mind on a single point. Suzuki might suggest that Dogen would have thought differently. Just sitting is not mindfulness, it is just sitting. Therefore mindfulness is not important for Zazen.

	and that once it is learnt the other forms of meditative practice become more important to the practioner than mindfulness.		
•	Some candidates may combine these views and argue that: o all meditation is just mindfulness and that the different levels of consciousness (<i>jhanas</i>) are just deeper and deeper levels of mindfulness.		

Assessment Objective (AO) Grids

A01 Mapping	Assessed?	Question
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief, including:		
 religious, philosophical and/or ethical thought and teaching 	Y	1-3
 influence of beliefs, teachings and practices on individuals, communities and societies 	Y	1-3
 cause and significance of similarities and differences in belief, teaching and practice 	Y	1-3
approaches to the study of religion and belief.	Y	1-3

A02 Mapping	Assessed?	Question
Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion		
and belief, including their significance, influence and study.	Υ	1-3

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