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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2A: Buddhism

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Specimen 2017

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer **all** questions.
- The paper reference is 7061/2A
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that 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 reasoning 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.

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#### **Question 01**

**0 1** . **1** Explain the influence of belief in rebirth on Buddhist individuals and communities.  
**[15 marks]**

and

**0 1** . **2** 'As a goal of life, a better rebirth is more important to Buddhists than Nirvana (release from rebirth).'

Assess this view.

**[15 marks]**

#### **Question 02**

**0 2** . **1** Explain the nature of the Pali Canon and its authority for Buddhists.  
**[15 marks]**

and

**0 2** . **2** 'Good moral conduct is the most important aspect of the Buddhist way of life.'

Assess this view.

**[15 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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