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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Paper 1: Religion and Ethics 1D – Buddhism Mark Scheme - 2019

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	<p>AO1 3 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhists must abstain from taking life (1) • They must abstain from taking what is not freely given (1) • They must abstain from sexual misconduct (1) • They must abstain from wrong speech (1) • They abstain from intoxicants (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark) 	3

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1(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They show how Siddhartha Gautama became enlightened (1) and so explain the background to his teachings (1) • They show that suffering will be part of everyone’s life (1) just as it was for the Buddha (1) • The Four Sights show the impermanence of life (1) and so they can help people learn not to cling to things and so avoid suffering (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/ development • Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	4

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1(c)	<p>AO1 5 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each reason. Award further marks for each development of the reason up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Four Noble Truths explain the problems of life (1) and by following them believers can free themselves from suffering (1) 'There are these two extremes that are not to be indulged in by one who has gone forth' (Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta) (1) • The Buddha explained that human problems are caused by suffering (1) and the Four Noble Truths can help free the believer from that suffering (1) 'separation from what is pleasing is suffering, not to get what one wants is suffering' (Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta) (1) • They help a believer understand the Three Poisons (1) and it is these that keep the cycle of samsara happening (1) 'There is no fear for one whose thought is untroubled, whose thought is unagitated, who is freed from good and evil, who is awake' (Dhammapada 39) (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/ development • Development that does not relate both to the reason and to the question • Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the reason given. 	5

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Level 4	10-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by a sustained, accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among the full range of elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

SPaG

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2 marks	Intermediate performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy.• Candidates use rules of grammar with general control of meaning overall.• Candidates use a good range of specialist terms as appropriate.
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2(a)	<p>AO1 3 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sangha supports the family by providing opportunities to worship together (1) • The sangha supports the family by bringing everyone together to celebrate festivals (1) • They enable families to celebrate rites of passage (1) • The sangha can provide counselling (1) • They teach Buddhist principles (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark) 	3

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2(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both men and women can become enlightened (1). There is no gender discrimination in the Buddha's teachings (1) • Prejudice against the opposite sex would be against Buddhist teachings (1) as Buddhists believe there is no fundamental difference between any human being (1) • Prejudice can lead to discrimination (1) this can lead to negative kamma (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/development • Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	4

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2(c)	<p>AO1 5 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each teaching. Award further marks for each development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no law in Buddhism saying that a couple cannot divorce (1) so if it would cause them suffering then staying together would be wrong (1) 'instead of leading a miserable life and harbouring more jealousy, anger and hatred, they should have the liberty to separate' (A Happy Married Life: Ven K. Sri Dhammananda) (1) • If a couple no longer loved each other to stay together would be a lie (1) as this would be a breach of the fourth precept 'to abstain from false speech' (pancha sila) (1) Marriage is supposed to be a relationship of love (1) • If there is violence in the relationship it would be wrong to stay together (1) this is because Buddhism is a religion of peace (1) 'One who does not oppress with violence other beings who also desire happiness, will find happiness hereafter' (Dhammapada 132) (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated teaching/ development • Development that does not relate both to the teaching and to the question • Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the reason given. 	5

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3(a)	<p>AO1 3 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhists can read scriptures (1) • Buddhists can worship together (1) • They can meditate in front of a rupa (1) • They can make offerings (1) • They can be taught by monks (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark) 	3

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4(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a response. Award a second mark for development of the response. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhists believe in trying to stop global warming (1) as they believe this would help reduce suffering (1) • Buddhists teach that everything is interrelated (1) so they are responsible with the way they use resources (1) • Buddhists avoid the overuse of oil (1) which avoids harm to the environment (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated response/ development • Development that does not relate both to the response given and to the question. 	4

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