



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
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**Religious Studies  
(Specification A)**

**405012**

**Religious Studies  
(Specification A) (Short Course)**

**Unit 12 Buddhism**

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**Part B**

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Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of the answer booklet.

There are 24 marks for each question.

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**Either****B5      The Sangha and Attitudes to Life**

**B5 (a)**      Explain ways in which Buddhist monks support the laity **and** the laity support Buddhist monks. (6 marks)

**B5 (b)**      'Following the five moral precepts is the most important duty for a Buddhist monk.'  
  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (6 marks)

**B5 (c)**      Explain what happens at a Buddhist death ceremony. (6 marks)

**B5 (d)**      'There is no point in rebirth because it leads to more suffering.'  
  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Buddhism in your answer. (6 marks)

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Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

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**OR**

**B6 Global Issues and the Noble Eightfold Path**

**B6 (a)** Explain Buddhist attitudes to animal rights. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (b)** 'Taking life is always wrong.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Buddhism in your answer. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (c)** Explain the Buddha's teaching on the Noble Eightfold Path. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (d)** 'The Buddha's teachings on the Noble Eightfold Path are not relevant to life in the 21st century.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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