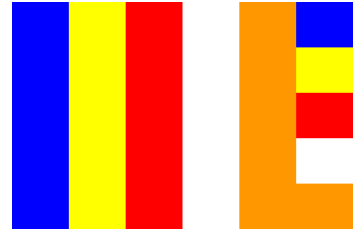




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A-Level Religious Studies

Buddhism - Mr Tighe



Every fortnight, you will be given a document like this to help guide your independent study for this component of the course. Every fortnight, you will be expected to complete the following tasks:

- Read the compulsory article and make handwritten or typed notes (these will need to be printed off).
- Read one of the optional articles and make handwritten or typed notes (these will need to be printed off).
Pay particular attention to:
 - Information not covered in the first article;
 - Information that provides further detail on a matter covered in the first article.
- Identify which, in your opinion, is the most difficult 20-mark question. Complete an essay plan.
- Identify which, in your opinion, is the most difficult 30-mark question. Complete an essay plan.

Topic Title: The Three Lakshanas

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Lesson 2A.1: The Three Marks of Existence

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Lesson 2A.1: The Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta on Dukkha & Anicca

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Lesson 2A.1: The Questions of King Milinda on Anatta

Date:

Specification Content: The concepts of dukkha and anicca: with reference to the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta. The concept of anatta with reference to Section 1 Chapter 1 of the Chariot Passage of the Questions of King Milinda.

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray, pp.48-57 (Year 1 Book).

Optional articles: Cush, pp.35-38; Side, pp.87-102.

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Imagined 20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/examine the main themes of the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta on dukkha.
- Explain/examine the main themes of the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta on anicca.
- Explain/examine the Chariot Passage of the Questions of King Milinda on anatta.
- Explain/examine the Three Lakshanas.
- Explain/examine the significance of the Three Lakshanas.

Imagined 30-Mark Questions:

- 'The Three Lakshanas are the most important of all the Buddha's teachings.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Three Lakshanas give an accurate account of reality.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Three Lakshanas demonstrate the rationality of Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Three Lakshanas are overly nihilistic.' Evaluate this view.