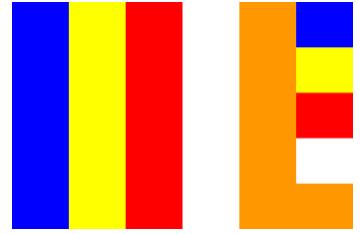




# Building Better Learners: A-Level Religious Studies Buddhism - Mr Tighe



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: Dependent Arising, Karma & Rebirth

Year: 12

Term: 2

Fortnight: 6

Topic Code: 2B

Spec. Page: pp.33

Lesson 2B.1: Rebirth and the Bhavachakra

Date:

Lesson 2B.1: The Dhammapada on Karma

Date:

Lesson 2B.1: The Parable of the Poisoned Arrow

Date:

Specification Content: The notions of pratityasamutpada and rebirth: with reference to the iconography of the bhavachakra. The notion of karma: with reference to the Dhammapada, Chapter 1 'The Pairs' and Chapter 9 'Evil'. The importance of rooting out of greed, hatred and delusion and not speculating about the existence of God and other metaphysical questions (Parable of the Poisoned Arrow - Majjhima Nikaya 63).

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray, pp.62-70 (Year 1 Book).

Optional articles: Cush, pp.67-69; Side, pp.109-120.

These articles can be found here: <G:\EPR\A-Level Buddhism - Building Better Learners>

Imagined 20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/examine Buddhist beliefs about pratityasamutpada, karma, and rebirth.
- Explain/examine the bhavachakra helps to explain Buddhist beliefs about pratityasamutpada.
- Explain/examine Buddhist beliefs about the causes of rebirth.
- Explain/examine Buddhist beliefs about how to achieve nibbana.
- Explain/examine Buddhist beliefs about karma contained in chapters 1 and 9 of the Dhammapada.
- Explain/examine Buddhist beliefs about greed, hatred, and delusion in the Parable of the Poisoned Arrow.

Imagined 30-Mark Questions:

- 'The bhavachakra adequately explains Buddhist teachings on life after death.'  
Evaluate this view.
- 'Buddhist teachings on pratityasamutpada, karma, and rebirth give an accurate account of reality.'  
Evaluate this view.
- 'The Buddha was right to deter speculation about metaphysical questions.'  
Evaluate this view.
- 'Pratityasamutpada, karma, and rebirth are the most important of all the Buddha's teachings.'  
Evaluate this view.
- 'The Parable of the Poisoned Arrow tells us all we need to know about avoiding rebirth.'  
Evaluate this view.