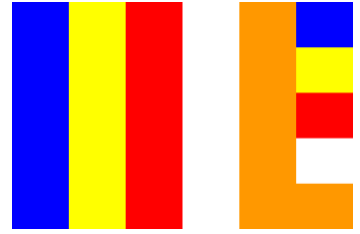




# Building Better Learners: A-Level Religious Studies Buddhism - Mr Tighe



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: The Patimokkha

Year: 13

Term: 1

Fortnight: 3

Topic Code: 1C

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Lesson 1C.1: The Origins of the Patimokkha

Date:

Lesson 1C.2: The Content & Use of the Patimokkha

Date:

Lesson 1C.3: The Four Parajikas / Defeats

Date:

Specification Content: The Patimokkha as one of the sources of wisdom and authority for the Theravada monastic sangha. Its use and treatment as a recited text. The seriousness of the Four Parajikas 'defeats', leading to expulsion from the sangha.

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray (Year 1 Book), pp.37-43.

Optional articles: Cush, pp.57-59; Harvey, pp.224-231.

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

20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/Examine the key events in the development of the Patimokkha.
- Explain/Examine the key emphases in the Patimokkha.
- Explain/Examine how the Patimokkha is used by the Theravada sangha.
- Explain/Examine how the Patimokkha is treated by the Theravada sangha.
- Explain/Examine the seriousness of the Four Parajikas or 'defeats'.

30-Mark Questions:

- 'The Patimokkha is not as important as other key Buddhist texts.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Patimokkha is only relevant to monks and nuns.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Patimokkha has little value in traditions outside of Theravada Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Four Parajikas have little relevance today.' Evaluate this view.
- 'There are acceptable circumstances where the Four Parajikas may be broken.' Evaluate this view.