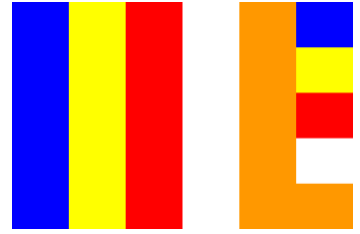




# Building Better Learners: A-Level Religious Studies Buddhism - Mr Tighe



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 Pali Canon

Year: 13

Term: 2

Fortnight: 6

Topic Code: 1F

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Lesson 1F.1: Thich Nhat Hanh - Life

Date:

Lesson 1F.2: Thich Nhat Hanh - Teachings

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Lesson 1F.3: Tenzin Gyatso - Life

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Lesson 1F.4: Tenzin Gyatso - Teachings

Date:

Specification Content: A comparison of the background and work of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama and Thich Nhat Hanh: their practical interpretation of Buddhist teachings for life in the West: with reference to Thich Nhat Hanh's emphasis on simple practices (smiling, breathing and walking) and the Dalai Lama's emphasis on acts of kindness; both teachers' views about compassion and non-harming.

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray (Year 2 Book), pp.46-57.

Optional articles: Side, pp. 213-215; <https://plumvillage.org/about/thich-nhat-hanh/biography>.

These articles can be found here: [G:\EPR\A-Level Buddhism - Building Better Learners](#)

### 20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/Examine the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh on the importance of simple practices.
- Explain/Examine the teachings of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama on acts of kindness.
- Explain/Examine the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh on compassion.
- Explain/Examine the teachings of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama on compassion.
- Explain/Examine the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh and the Fourteenth Dalai on compassion.
- Explain/Examine the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh on non-harming.
- Explain/Examine the teachings of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama on non-harming.
- Explain/Examine the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh and the Fourteenth Dalai on non-harming.

### 30-Mark Questions:

- 'The teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh are a new expression of Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The teachings of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama represent an innovative form of Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'Thich Nhat Hanh has ensured the relevance of Buddhism in the modern world.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The teachings of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama guarantee Buddhism remains influential.' Evaluate this view.