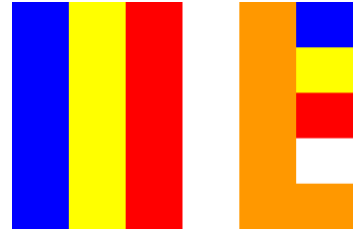




Building Better Learners: A-Level Religious Studies Buddhism - Mr Tighe



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 Beliefs & Practices of Tibetan Buddhist Traditions

Year: 13

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Lesson 4D.1: Tibetan Buddhist Beliefs

Date:

Lesson 4D.2: Tibetan Buddhist Practices

Date:

Lesson 4D.3: Bon & Tibetan Buddhism

Date:

Specification Content: The relationship of Buddhism with pre-Buddhist Bon religion as part of the context for the development of these distinctive practices associated with Vajrayana Buddhism - mudra, (ritual bodily movements, often hand gestures), mandala (cosmic diagrams), and mantra (sacred sounds).

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray (Year 2 Book), pp.154-160.

Optional articles: Cush, pp.115-122; Side, pp.185-187.

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

20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/examine the distinctive beliefs of Tibetan Buddhism.
- Explain/examine the distinctive practices of Tibetan Buddhism.
- Explain/examine the significance of mudras within Tibetan Buddhism.
- Explain/examine the significance of mandalas within Tibetan Buddhism.
- Explain/examine the significance of mantras within Tibetan Buddhism.
- Explain/examine how Tibetan Buddhism relates to the Bon religion.
- Explain/examine how Tibetan Buddhism relates to other forms of Buddhism.
- Compare Tibetan Buddhism to the Bon religion.

30-Mark Questions:

- 'The use of mudras is the most important practice within Tibetan Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The use of mandalas is the most important practice within Tibetan Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The use of mantras is the most important practice within Tibetan Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'Tibetan Buddhist beliefs represent a radical departure from traditional Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'Tibetan Buddhism practices represent a radical departure from traditional Buddhism.' Evaluate this view.
- 'There is little that separates Tibetan Buddhism from the Bon religion.' Evaluate this view.