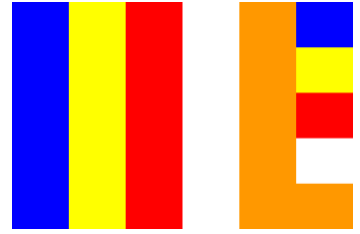




Building Better Learners: A-Level Religious Studies Buddhism - Mr Tighe



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 Dasa Sila

Year: 12

Term: 3

Fortnight: 8

Topic Code: 2F

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Lesson 2F.1: The Nature of the Sila

Date:

Lesson 2F.1: Lay Morality, Retreats & Uposatha Days

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Lesson 2F.1: Monastic Morality

Date:

Specification Content: Exemplification of the application of the dasa sila (ten precepts) within the community of believers: lay people and the monastic sangha. The different complementary roles of the lay and monastic sanghas. The notion of the precepts as training aspirations rather than commandments for the community of believers and the role of the monastic sangha in keeping the precepts on behalf of the wider sangha.

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray, pp. 109-111 (Year 1 Book).

Optional articles: Cush, pp. 53-59; Side, pp. 150-155.

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

Imagined 20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/examine the dasa sila.
- Explain/examine the significance of the dasa sila.
- Explain/examine the purpose of the dasa sila.
- Explain/examine the precepts that apply to lay Buddhists.
- Explain/examine the precepts that apply to monastic Buddhists.
- Compare Buddhist lay and monastic morality.

Imagined 30-Mark Questions:

- 'The dasa sila are only relevant to Buddhist monks and nuns.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The dasa sila are a useful moral guide for all Buddhists.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The dasa sila are an effective means by which to regulate the sangha.' Evaluate this view.
- 'Adhering to the dasa sila is essential to achieving nibbana.' Evaluate this view.
- 'It is right that Buddhist monks and nuns have more rules to follow.' Evaluate this view.