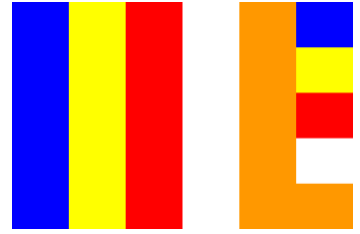




# Building Better Learners: A-Level Religious Studies Buddhism - Mr Tighe



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 Eightfold Path

Year: 12

Term: 2

Fortnight: 7

Topic Code: 2E

Spec. Page: pp.34

Lesson 2E.1: The Threefold Trainings & Buddhist Morality

Date:

Lesson 2E.3: The Influence of the Eightfold Path

Date:

Lesson 2E.3: Differences within Buddhism concerning the Eightfold Path

Date:

Specification Content: The Threefold Trainings: wisdom, morality, and meditation. The relationship of the Eightfold Path with the Middle Way. The Eightfold Path within the context of the diversity of Buddhism. Exemplification of ways in which the Eightfold Path is practised and its significance for Buddhist morality.

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray, pp. 98-104 (Year 1 Book).

Optional articles: Cush, pp. 33-35; Side, pp. 50-51, pp.54-55.

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

Imagined 20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/examine the key ideas of the Eightfold Path.
- Explain/examine how the Eightfold Path relates to Buddhist morality.
- Explain/examine the relationship between behaviour and Awakening.
- Compare how different Buddhists follow the Eightfold Path.
- Compare the significance of the Eightfold Path in different Buddhist traditions.

Imagined 30-Mark Questions:

- 'The Eightfold Path is important to all Buddhists.'  
Evaluate this view.
- 'Each of the Threefold Trainings is equally important to the others.'  
Evaluate this view.
- 'The Eightfold Path perfectly reflects the Middle Way.'  
Evaluate this view.
- 'The Eightfold Path is a useful moral guide for all Buddhists.'  
Evaluate this view.