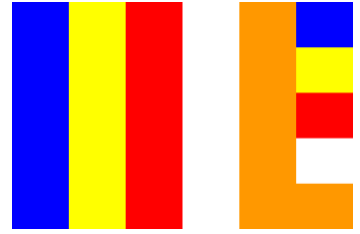




Building Better Learners: A-Level Religious Studies Buddhism - Mr Tighe



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 Four Noble Truths

Year: 12

Term: 1/2

Fortnight: 4

Topic Code: 2D

Spec. Page: pp.34

Lesson 2D.1: The Nature and Causes of Suffering

Date:

Lesson 2D.1: The Solution to the Problem of Suffering

Date:

Lesson 2D.1: Nibbana

Date:

Specification Content: The three types of dukkha: dukkha-dukkha (painful experience); viparinama-dukkha (changing nature of existence); sankhara-dukkha (the contingent nature of existence); the medical metaphor (the Buddha as a physician, diagnosing the symptoms, identifying cause and providing a prescription) and the notions of tanha (thirst), nirodha (cessation) and magga (the path).

Background Reading [2 pieces minimum]:

Compulsory article: Gray, pp.88-93 (Year 1 Book).

Optional articles: Cush, pp.27-35; Side, pp.80-86.

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

Imagined 20-Mark Questions:

- Explain/examine the three types of suffering.
- Explain/examine the Four Noble Truths.
- Explain/examine the significance of the Four Noble Truths.

Imagined 30-Mark Questions:

- 'The Four Noble Truths are essential for all Buddhists.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Four Noble Truths give an accurate account of reality.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Four Noble Truths are overly pessimistic.' Evaluate this view.
- 'The Four Noble Truths are the most important of all the Buddha's teachings.' Evaluate this view.