IB World Religions Online Learning 2022 IB Exam Review Day 1

You will complete this very important work by yourself (A5 on Tuesday 4/19 and B1 on Wednesday 4/20). You should plan to work for 1 hour during online class time that day PLUS work another 1 hour for homework.

You must upload your answers to the following questions on Canvas before the next online class meets (Thursday for A Day and Friday for B Day).

This will count for your attendance in class and for a 30 point homework grade.

We are starting to prepare for the IB Exam you will take next week! So this homework is very, very important to finish!

Follow the directions below. Read through all the explanations and then write your answers to upload to canvas. You should plan to spend about 1 hour working on this during today’s class time and then another 1 hour working on this for homework. As long as you upload your outline answers before the next online class starts you will not get any late penalty.

1. First, let’s get an overview of this year’s IB Score & Exam again:
2. Here is your final IB World Religions Score Breakdown:

25% IA

30% Paper 1

45% Paper 2

1. This year’s Paper 1 and Paper 2 are easier and modified because of COVID:
2. For Paper #1 you normally have to answer 5 questions; however, for this year’s easier COVID exam you only need to answer 3 questions. You have 45 minutes to answer 1 question from Group A; 1 question from Group B; and 1 question from Group C
3. What should you prepare to answer:

For Group A- go straight to Question #2 and answer the Question about BUDDHISM

For Group B- read the questions for both Judaism and Christianity and then answer the easier question

For Group C- go straight to Question #7 and answer the question about TAOISM

-So you should prepare to answer 1 question about Buddhism, 1 question about Taoism, and then 1 question either about Judaism or Christianity

-Take a quick look again at a Paper #1 on my website “ WEEK 14 MAY 2018 IB PAPER #1”

2. For Paper #2 you normally have to answer 2 essay questions; however, because of COVID you only need to answer 1 Essay Question this year. You can pick any essay question that you want. I recommend that you prepare to answer an essay question about BUDDHISM.

a. Let’s look at an old IB Paper #2 Exam and you will see that on each exam you will have basically 3 possible questions about Buddhism to answer (questions #3, 4, or 7). Open my website: [www.mrciambarellaclass.com](http://www.mrciambarellaclass.com) Click on Religion 2nd Sem Click on “WEEK 14 MAY 2018 IB PAPER #2”

-Look at Question #3 and #4 about Buddhism. Also look at the Open-Ended Question #7 that you could answer about Buddhism. So you could choose to answer either question 3, 4, or 7 about Buddhism

1. So I hope you can see that the most important thing for you to get a high score on the IB Exam next week is to REVIEW BUDDHISM! The good news for you is that I have found that TAS students tend to receive very high scores on the IB Exam, especially their answers about Buddhism! If you can complete today’s homework and learn to follow Mr. C’s Buddhism Outline- then chances are you will receive a very high score on the Paper #2 and Paper #1 Exam about Buddhism! So let’s get started!!
2. Mr. C has discovered that if you follow this basic Outline for Paper #2 (and Paper #1) on the IB Exam about Buddhism then you should receive a high score:
3. Here is the Basic Outline for Buddhism:

First- ANSWER THE SPECIFIC QUESTION WITH A STRONG THESIS

Second- Give more specific information about the specific question (if the question asks about Nirvana, then talk about Nirvana; if the question asks about karma then talk about karma, etc…) Impress the judges with your specific key word Buddhism vocabulary!

Third- Prove that you know the basic, general information about Buddhism in general. This means quickly state The 4 Noble Truths and The 8 Fold Path.

Fourth- Now for the majority of your answer argue and then explain HOW DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUDDHISTS AROUND THE WORLD APPROACH, UNDERSTAND, and PRACTICE this part of Buddhism differently depending on….

Theravada Buddhism vs. Mahayana Buddhism vs. (Vajrayana/Zen Buddhism optional)

MOST OF YOUR ESSAY AND ANSWER SHOULD BE SPENT GIVING SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT EACH TYPE OF BUDDHISM

TO GET A HIGH SCORE GIVE SPECIFIC SACRED TEXTS AND SPECIFIC RITUALS AND PRACTICES FROM EACH TYPE OF BUDDHISM RELATED TO THE QUESTION

Fifth- Give a strong Conclusion -Maybe highlight that in the end there is actually not that much difference between Theravada vs Mahayana vs Vajrayana. They do not have ‘wars’ or ‘battles’ amongst each other about differences. In the end they agree on much more than they disagree. WHY? What does that say about Buddhism overall?

1. So your homework for today is to complete the following BUDDHISM OUTLINE as best you can. The more specific details you can add to the outline, the better prepared you will be. So use your old class notes from last semester to find the answers. You can also use our textbook ‘Invitation to World Religions’ to find answers. You can also find the answers yourself. Complete the following outline and then upload your outline with answers on it to Canvas before our next online class meets. Let’s get started:
2. **Part 1 & 2: Basic Buddhist Main Ideas and Doctrines**
3. What are the 4 Noble Truths

Dukkha-tanha-nirvana- 8 fold path

1. What is the 8-Fold Path:

Right knowledge, aspiration, speech….behavior, livelihood, effort….mindfulness, concentration

1. What is the Buddhist doctrine of ANNICA (Impermanence)
2. What is the Buddhist doctrine of ANATMAN (No-self)
3. What is the Buddhist doctrine of KARMA
4. What is the Buddhist doctrine of NIRVANA

-Note: For Theravada Nirvana NOT EQUAL to Samsara (place to go like heaven)

But for Mahayana NIRVANA = SAMSARA (a state of mind)

1. What are the 6 Paramitas?

Generosity, Morality, Patience, Joyful Effort, Concentration, Wisdom

1. How could Siddhartha Gautama’s life be read ‘symbolically’ or ‘didactically’?
2. Why do some say Buddhism is ‘transtheistic’?
3. Any other important Buddhist concepts or vocabulary words?
4. **THERAVADA BUDDHISM**
5. In what countries would you find Theravada Buddhism? What does ‘Theravada’ mean and why?

Thailand, Laos, Myanmar “WAY OF THE ELDERS”

1. The goal of Theravada Buddhism is to develop PRAJNA (wisdom) and become an ARHAT.
2. Define PRAJNA
3. Explain an ARHAT
4. How do the goals of Prajna and Arhat affect the way Theravada Buddhism looks and does its practices overall?
5. The most important ‘sacred texts’ (to raise your IB Score!) for Theravada Buddhism is the ‘PALI CANON’ or sometimes called the TRIPITAKA because they believe it is the closest sacred text we have to the actual words and instructions of Siddhartha Gautama and his first disciples (bhikkus). Give some details about the Tripitaka:
6. “Vinaya Pitaka”-? Discipline basket- rules for monks and nuns
7. Sutra Pitaka- ? Discourse Basket Sermons of Siddhartha
8. Abidharma Pitaka-? Discourses and Discussions (Parable of Burning House)
9. The most famous part of the Tripitaka is a section called the DHARMAPADA- Give some main ideas and specific quotes from the Dharmapada here- ?

Most important thing is to individually train your mind to overcome all suffering and illusions…”Be a lamp unto yourself.”

1. Remember you should also give some specific rituals, practices, holidays for Theravada Buddhism also:
2. WESAK- celebrating the birth, death, and enlightenment of Siddhartha is most important in Theravada Buddhism
3. Why?
4. What is Wesak?
5. Give some more details about Wesak?
6. What other specific details can you give about rituals or practices of Theravada Buddhism?
7. What other specific details can you give about ‘daily practices’ of Theravada Buddhist practitioners (Theravada Buddhist monks or nuns)? (‘begging bowls’, etc, etc…..)
8. Anything else important about Theravada Buddhism?
9. **MAHAYANA BUDDHISM**
10. In what countries would you find Mahayana Buddhism? What does ‘Mahayana’ mean and why? Taiwan, China, Japan, South Korea Vietnam BIG RAFT
11. The goal of Mahayana Buddhism is to develop equally both PRAJNA (wisdom) and also KARUNA (compassion) to become a BODHISATTVA.
12. Define Karuna
13. Explain a BODHISATTVA
14. How do the goals of Karuna and Bodhisattva affect the way Mahayana Buddhism looks and does its practices overall?
15. One way to raise your IB Score is to include and explain the Mahayana Doctrine of the ‘TRIKAYA” (It is on pages 160-163 in our textbook). Briefly explain and give the specific vocabulary words for the 3 levels of the Trikaya and how this is important for a Mahayana Buddhists view of everything

NIRMANA-KAYA -EARTHLY BODY (of humans)

SAMBOGHA-KAYA- CELESTIAL BLISS BODY (of bodhisattvas)

DHARMA-KAYA- (Enlightenment-Consciousness)

1. Mahayana Buddhism has A LOT MORE SACRED TEXTS than Theravada Buddhism
2. Why?
3. What is THE HEART SUTRA
4. Give general information about The Heart Sutra:
5. What are some specific lines/phrases from The Heart Sutra you can use in your essay:
6. Why is the Heart Sutra so important for Mahayana Buddhism? (Avalokitesvara)

Sutra given by Avalokitesvara (bodhisattva of compassion)

-main idea that compassion = wisdom. (Highest wisdom is to generate compassion for others)

-NIRVANA = SAMSARA (Nirvana is present and available to all right now)

1. What is the LOTUS SUTRA
2. Give general information about The Lotus Sutra:
3. What are some specific lines/phrases from The Lotus Sutra you can use in your essay:
4. Why is the Lotus Sutra so important for Mahayana Buddhism?
5. What is the important Mahayana idea of UPAYA (‘skillful means’) found in The Lotus Sutra?

-Main idea of Mahayana is that Buddhism must change and adapt with the times and cultures and use “skillful means” or (UPAYA)to relate to new people

1. For specific examples of Mahayana Buddhism you can use specific examples from TAIWAN- especially the specific example of Tzu Chi Buddhism in Taiwan! Remember the IB Examiner has never heard of Tzu Chi, so you will need to explain what it is:
2. Why is Tzu Chi called literally “Compassion Relief in Action”?
3. Who is Master Cheng Yen?
4. How does the daily life of Master Cheng Yen and her nuns exemplify Mahayana Buddhism in action?
5. Explain how normal people Tzu Chi volunteers are important to Tzu Chi?
6. Give some specific example of Tzu Chi work (disaster relief? Recycling?, medical care, etc….)
7. Why is Tzu Chi as great specific example of Mahayana Buddhism?
8. Mahayana Ritual Practices involving Bodhisattvas: Give some examples of rituals, mantras, and practices about different Mahayana Buddhist bodhisattvas, such as…
9. Guanyin- mantras, examples?
10. Amitabha “Pure Land Buddhism”- mantras, examples?
11. Others? Manjusri? Ksitigharba? Others?
12. What other specific details can you give about ‘daily practices’ of Mahayana Buddhist practitioners (Mahayana Buddhist monks or nuns or lay people)?
13. Anything else important about Mahayana Buddhism?
14. **OPTIONAL but highly recommended if possible- VAJRAYANA BUDDHISM OR ZEN BUDDHISM**

**If you give lots of details about Theravada vs. Mahayana Buddhism in your essay then you should be OK. However, if you really want to impress the judge and raise your IB score to a 7/7 then maybe you can also include a brief discussion of either Vajrayana Buddhism in Tibet or Zen Buddhism in Japan or Korea.**

**Remember some people say both of these are types of Mahayana Buddhism because they share the same ideas and goals of Mahayana Buddhism- but their practices are very different.**

1. What does ‘Vajrayana’ Buddhism mean and why?

Thunderbolt- Buddhism

1. Why is Vajrayana Buddhism unique to Tibet?

50% Mahayana Buddhism + 50%Tibet Tantric Shamanism

1. Who is the Dalai Lama?
2. The 3 key words about Tibetan Buddhism are mantras, mudras, and mandalas. Remember Vajra-yana Buddhism is called ‘Thunder-Lightning Bolt Buddhism’ because it is for the very advanced full-time monks or nun to receive enlightenment in one lifetime fast. So it is filled with esoteric, secret trainings. Try to give some examples:
3. Explain the SAND MANDALA CEREMONY we did in class:
4. Give details about the advanced meditation done on the bodhisattva Tara:
5. Can you give any more information about Tibetan Buddhism that you can use in your answer:

NOTE: You can stop here if you want! I think if you can talk about Theravada Buddhism, Mahayana Buddhism, and Tibetan Vajrayana Buddhism in your answer then you are finished! However, if you want you could also talk about Zen Buddhism in Japan or South Korea. So questions #7-12 are completely optional only if you think you will use it:

Optional #7. Briefly explain the goal of Zen Buddhism?

Optional #8: Define the important Zen vocabulary word of ZAZEN? Sitting meditation

Optional #9: Define the important Zen vocabulary word of SANZEN? Discussion with Zen Master

Optional #10; Define the important Zen vocabulary word of KOAN? Mind riddle (What is the sound of one hand clapping?)

Optional #11: Define the important Zen vocabulary word of SATORI? Sudden Enlightennment

Optional #12: Any specific examples or details you can give about Zen Buddhism in Japan or South Korea?

UPLOAD YOUR NOTES TO ALL OF THE ANSWERS OF THIS OUTLINE ON CANVAS BEFORE OUR NEXT ONLINE CLASS

BECAUSE THIS INFORMATION IS SO IMPORTANT TO GETTING A HIGH SCORE ON YOUR IB PAPER #1 AND PAPER #2 EXAM (AND BASICALLY WILL DETERMINE 70% OF YOUR FINAL IB SCORE THIS YEAR) THIS HOMEWORK IS SUPER IMPORTANT AND WILL COUNT FOR A 30 POINT HOMEWORK GRADE!