IBSL World Religions **Mr. Ciambarella 2021-22**

**LAST DAY OF CLASS IMPORTANT REVIEW WORK**

**Directions**: This is the review work we will complete together on the last official day of class: Monday 4/25 A5 and Tuesday 4/26 B1

If you are doing ‘Study Leave From Home’ or you are absent from class then you MUST complete this work yourself and upload your notes on Canvas for a 20 point grade. If you are present in class then we will do all of this work together in class and you do NOT need to upload any notes on Canvas.

Read over all the announcements and directions- and if you are doing Study Leave at Home or are absent from class then take notes to upload to canvas where prompted.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & SCHEDULE**

Wednesday 4/27- technically I think you do not need to come to school today because you can review for the IB exam at home the day before a test; however, anyone in A5 or B1 class can attend today's A5 class if they want and we can review together.(You could also do your last assignment due Wednesday at midnight for Paper #1 in class if you want)

Thursday 4/28- I will have B1 class and anyone from A5 or B1 can come to class to review together if you want

THURSDAY 4/28 AFTERNOON- YOU WILL TAKE THE REAL IB PAPER #1 EXAM (45 MINUTES)

FRIDAY 4/29 MORNING- YOU WILL TAKE THE REAL IB PAPER #2 EXAM (45 MINUTES)

(Then you are technically finished with this class! Nothing else will affect your grade. If you are at school in May, then you do need to come to class, but you can just relax, do other work, or watch movies! SO JUST WORK HARD FOR ONE MORE WEEK AND YOU ARE DONE WITH THIS CLASS!)

STUDY AT HOME QUESTION #1: DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SECTION 1: ANOUNCEMENTS & SCHEDULE?

1. **FINAL PARTS OF YOUR CLASS GRADE:**
2. Mr. C has graded your IA for 20% of your class grade, and you can get the grade from him.
3. Make sure you uploaded last week’s online learning “WEEK 14 ONLINE LEARNING BUDDHISM REVIEW” outline for a 30 points Homework grade
4. Make sure you uploaded on Canvas your Paper #2 Essay on Buddhism that was due Sunday by midnight for a 100-point Socratic Seminar Grade.
5. If you are absent from class today (or on study leave today) make sure you upload your notes from today’s lesson for a 20 point Homework Grade.
6. YOUR FINAL GRADE IS TO UPLOAD ON CANVAS BY THIS WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT THE PAPER #1 FINAL TEST PRACTICE IN CANVAS for a 50-point Homework Grade.

STUDY AT HOME QUESTION #2: HAVE YOU COMPLETED ALL THE HOMEWORK ABOVE #1-4? WILL YOU DO THE FINAL HOMEWORK (PAPER #1 FINAL TEST PRACTICE) DUE WEDNESDAY?

1. **Let’s Review Paper #2 on Buddhism**
2. Make sure you uploaded on Canvas your Paper #2 Essay on Buddhism that was due Sunday by midnight.
3. Feel free to email Mr. Ciambarella directly any more practice essays you want to complete to better prepare yourself, and Mr. C will give you immediate feedback.
4. Make sure you uploaded on Canvas last week’s “Week 14 ONLINE LEARNING BUDDHISM REVIEW”
5. Look at Mr. C’s important notes in red about this Buddhism Review at “Week 14 Mr C Notes on Buddhism Outline” on my website
6. You have 45 minutes to write 1 essay. Look at Possible Questions #3, 4, and 7. Decide which question would best fit our OUTLINE about Theravada vs. Mahayana vs. Vajrayana
7. OUTLINE OF YOUR ESSAY:
8. Introduction and Thesis: Answer the specific question asked for and end with this THESIS: (\_\_\_\_karma…nirvana…non-attachment…whatever the question asks for…..) is important for Buddhism because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; however, Buddhists approach and practice this concept differently depending on Theravada, Mahayana, or Vajrayana Buddhism because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Briefly give more details about what the question asks for and how Buddhism in general understands it.

-Try to briefly include The 4 Noble Truths & 8 Fold Path in the explanation

1. Explain how THERAVADA BUDDHISM understands and practices this concept.
2. Explain Theravada Buddhism and how it understands this concept
3. Make sure you include key words of ATMAN and PRAJNA
4. Discuss sacred texts of Theravada

-Maybe discuss Pali Canon (Tripitaka and Dharmapada) and how it relates to the essay question

4. Discuss holidays/practices of Theravada and how relate to the essay question

-Maybe discuss Wesak

-Maybe discuss Theravada monk/nuns’ daily routine of morning meditation, then begging bowl, then more study and meditation, etc…

-Any other Theravada practices or examples?

5. DON’T FORGET TO END EACH PARAGRAPH CONNECTING BACK TO THE THESIS AND SPECIFIC ESSAY QUESTION TOPIC (As you can see, Theravada Buddhism understands the concept of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

1. IV. Explain how MAHAYANA BUDDHISM understands and practices this concept.
2. Explain Mahayana Buddhism and how it understands this concept
3. Make sure you include key words of BODHISATTVA and KARUNA
4. Maybe discuss Mahayana Concept of the TRIKAYA

-Humans on the Nirmana-Kaya (earthly realm)

Humans can pray to….

-Bodhisattvas on the Sambhoga-Kaya (celestial realm)

Bodhisattvas help humans to understand and attain the…

-Dharma-Kaya (Truth/Enlightenment Realm)

-Therefore many Mahayana sacred texts and practices evolve from the view of the TRIKAYA..

1. Discuss sacred texts of Mahayana
2. The Heart Sutra

-Sutra from/dedicated to Avalokitesvara (The Bodhisattva of Compassion)

-Must develop both wisdom and compassion equally

-Nirvana = Samsara (bodhisattvas can attain perfect enlightenment here in Samsara through compassionate action to others)

2) The Lotus Sutra

-Usually associated with the bodhisattvas Guanyin (another popular bodhisattva of compassion and mercy)

-Important idea of UPAYA (‘skillful means’) arguing that just like the 1000-arm bodhisattva of compassion reaches out to all those in need, so too does Buddhism need to adapt, change, and use ‘skillful means’ to reach and be understood by different people

4. Discuss examples/practices of Mahayana and how relate to the essay question

1) Tzu Chi Buddhism and Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan?

2) Mahayana daily practices in Taiwan revolving around bodhisattvas:

a) Guanyin Chanting

b) Amitabha Chanting –‘Pure Land Buddhism’

3) Other rituals about Bodhisattvas?

5. DON’T FORGET TO END EACH PARAGRAPH CONNECTING BACK TO THE THESIS AND SPECIFIC ESSAY QUESTION TOPIC (As you can see, Mahayana Buddhism understands the concept of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

V. If time- discuss how VAJRAYANA BUDDHISM UNDERSTANDS AND PRACTICES THE CONCEPT ALSO?

1. Briefly introduce Vajrayana Tibetan Buddhism and how it understands the essay question concept

2. Use Sand Mandala Ceremony as an example?

3. Use Tara Boddhisattva Rituals and Meditation as example?

4.Discuss Dalai Lama as an example?

5. End with a concluding sentence

VI. CONCLUSION

1. Restate your thesis and explain it again.
2. BE SURE TO CONNECT BACK TO THE SPECIFIC ESSAY QUESTION TOPIC!
3. Maybe discuss how ultimately there is actually more agreement than disagreement amongst the different types of Buddhism! These schools of Buddhism do not ‘fight’ with each other about this. WHY? What does this ultimately say about Buddhism compared to other religions?

STUDY AT HOME QUESTION #3: DO YOU FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT WRITING YOUR PAPER #2 ESSAY ON BUDDHISM? WHY OR WHY NOT?

1. **Now let’s talk about Paper #1 that you will take this Thursday afternoon!**
2. Remember Paper #1 is 45 minutes long and you need to answer 3 questions in 45 minutes. The only way you will get a bad score is if you have TIME MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS!
3. THE #1 MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT PAPER #1 IS THAT YOU WATCH YOUR TIME!!!!!

-Answer the question about Buddhism in 15 minutes only and then go on…

-Answer the question about Taoism in 15 minutes only and then go on….

-Answer EITHER the question about Judaism OR Christianity in 15 minutes

-YOU MUST WATCH YOUR TIME VERY CLOSELY!!!!

3. Let’s look at a sample IB Paper #1 and discuss the strategy again:

1) Open up my website to “WEEK 14 MAY 2018 IB PAPER #1”

2) This is from a regular IB exam where you need to answer 5 questions; but remember, this year the test is easier because of COVID and you only need to answer 3 questions!

-You must answer 1 question from Group A; 1 question from Group B; and 1 question from Group C

-You should plan to answer Section A BUDDHISM; Section B either Judaism or Christianity; Section C TAOISM

4. WHAT IS YOUR STRATEGY TO GET A HIGH SCORE:

1) For Section A go straight to Question #2 about Buddhism

For part a) write 3 main ideas- and explain each idea in a sentence

For example for part a)

“One idea is about desire or tanha keeping us from immortal Nirvana. Buddhists believe that all of life’s sufferings come from our personal ego’s desires craving.”

“A second idea is about a firm mind as the solution to reach Nirvana. Much of the 8-Fold Path in Buddhism is about creating a firm mind through Right Mindfulness and Concentration”

“A third idea is about Nirvana being immortal. The Four Noble Truths state that there is a way out of desire and suffering and to the eternal bliss of Nirvana.”

For part b) you want to write a mini essay! It should be about 1 page long with 2-3 paragraphs if possible (BUT WATCH YOUR TIME!!!!)

-If possible try to answer this question for part b) by using our Buddhism Paper #2 OUTLINE and discuss how Theravada vs. Mahayana vs. Vajrayana approach and practice this concept differently!!!! (So since this question asks about Nirvana then you should explain how Theravada vs Mahayana vs Vajrayana understand Nirvana differently and how you see this is sacred texts and practices.

-If possible try to copy your Buddhism Paper #2 outline in 10 minutes just giving main ideas from it and a few examples!!

2) For Group B- look at both of the questions for Judaism and Christianity- and then answer the easier one!!

-REVIEW YOUR NOTES FOR JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

-Let’s look at a sample student answer from your first online learning assignment for “Christianity Seminar and Paper #1”

-Open up my website to: “Week 14 Best Christianity Paper #1”

-Let’s also look again at the best answers from our Judaism Seminar and Paper #1 from last month. Open my website to “Week 14 Best Judaism Paper #1”

2)Finally for Section C- go straight to Question #7 about TAOSIM and answer that question

For part a) answer the question with 3 points and explain each point in an additional sentence

For part b) try to answer your question this way:

-Remember this is a mini-essay and you should try to write about 1 page of 2-3 paragraphs.

-If possible try to answer part b) this way….

**THESIS:** Taoism understands (whatever the question is asking about) somewhat differently depending on which of the 3 branches of Taoism: philosophical Taoism, practical Taoism, or religious Taoism

Then in 2-3 paragraphs give some examples from each type of Taoism that relate to the question. We will review this in detail in a minute- but here is the overview:

**Philosophical Taoism** understands (whatever the question in asking about) through ideas as exemplified through Laozi and Zhuangzi.

-Discuss the Tao te Ching of LaoZi

-Try to give some specific quotes and passages if possible

-Discuss Zhuangzi

-Try to give some specific stories from Zhuangzi

**Practical Taoism**  understands (whatever the question in asking about) through exercises and practices meant to use Taoist ideas for the health of the practitioner.

-Discuss some specific examples such as…

Tai Chi? Qi Gong? Traditional Chinese Medicine?

Martial arts? Poetry? Art? ,etc,,,

**Religious Taoism** understands (whatever the question in asking about) through translating these ideas into formal religious structures and ceremonies such as one can see at Taoist temples in Taiwan.

-Discuss briefly some part(s) of religious Taoism in Taiwan

-Pray to Taoist Immortals at Temples

-Festivals, holidays, other practices?

**SPECIAL NOTE:** For the IB PAPER #1 the most important things to talk about are philosophical and practical Taoism, so don’t stress if you run out of time and cannot talk about religious Taoism. But if you do have time it will make your answer special.

STUDY AT HOME QUESTION #4: DO YOU FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT WRITING YOUR PAPER #1 NOW? WHY OR WHY NOT?

1. **LET’S LOOK AT EXAMPLES OF SOME GOOD PAPER #1 ANSWERS**
2. Open my website to “WEEK 14 MR C IB PAPER #1 PRACTICE EXAM”
3. We are NOT doing this practice exam this year- so don’t worry about the directions on it
4. Look at Question #2 about Buddhism and think about how you would answer part a) and part b)
5. Now open my website to : Week 15 Student Answers for Mr C Practice Exam
6. Look at the 2 sample answers for this question on Buddhism
7. Now go back to the PRACTICE EXAM and look at Question #3 about Taoism and think about how you would answer part a) and part b)
8. Now go back to the STUDENT ANSWERS and look at the sample student answers for this question on Taoism

STUDY AT HOME QUESTION #5: WHAT QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE AFTER LOOKING AT THESE STUDENT ANSWERS?

1. **LET’S REVIEW TAOISM!**
2. Go back and review all of your class notes from Taoism.
3. Go back and read your seminar essay about Taoism you wrote in December.
4. You can look at my website: Week 1 Best Taoism Seminar Essays
5. Remember this should be your topic sentence for Part b) of Paper #1 about Taoism:

Taoism understands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ differently depending on whether we are talking about Philosophical Taoism vs. Practical Taoism vs. Religious Taoism

1. WHAT ARE THE KEY WORDS OF TAOISM: (if you can write them in Mandarin characters and explain their hidden meanings would be fantastic!!)
2. Wu Wei- “effortless action”

-the idea is really about not letting your ego get in the way of your actions and trusting the flow of the Tao

1. Pu-“The Uncarved Block”-

-the idea is that everything’s natural essence is Tao and is perfect. You are naturally perfect. You mess things up when you try to be something you are not (usually because of your ego)

3) Yin-Yang

-the idea is that the perfect BALANCE of yin and yang energies is always the best “way”

-there is no “sin” in Taoism. Problems arise when there is an IM-BALANCE of yin and yang.

4) Freedom & Creativity

-the Tao is endlessly free and creative and the ‘meaning of life’ is for you to ‘take part in this dance’ of endless freedom and creativity

5) What other Taoist main ideas and vocabulary words would you add to this list?

1. Philosophical Taoism

-Be able to mostly talk about Laozi and the Tao te Ching, but also try to mention Zhuangzi

1) Dates of Laozi and Tao te Ching?

What are some specific passages from the Tao te Ching you can use?

-water?

-feminine?

-etc?....

2) Dates of Zhuangzi?

What are some specific stories from Zhuangzi you can use?

-the “useless tree”?

-the “frog in the well”?

-others?

1. Practical Taoism

-You can talk about how Taoist Masters try to use the ideas of philosophical Taoism for better health, better life, and ultimately ‘immortality’

1) Qi Gong- details?

2) Tai Chi- details?

3) Traditional Chinese Medicine- details?

4)Chinese martial arts- details?

5) Classic Chinese art- art, poetry, etc…

1. Religious Taoism

-the main idea is how to collect Qi (in a Temple) and use it collectively for the entire village or society (thru Temple rituals)

1) Discuss Taoist Temples in Taiwan

2)Discuss Taoist festivals in Taiwan

3)Taoist ideas and Taoist immortals represented as Taoist Gods and Goddesses

-Tu Di Gong?

-Mazu?

-Jade Emperor?

Etc…

4)Other examples of Religious Taoism?

STUDY AT HOME QUESTION #6: Complete the Outline on Taoism above with some of your own notes on it

(STUDY AT HOME PEOPLE- UPLOAD YOUR ANSWERS TO THESE 6 QUESTIONS ON CANVAS BEFORE MIDNIGHT OF THE DAY OF YOUR CLASS- A5 ON MONDAY AND B1 ON TUESDAY)

1. HOMEWORK DUE BY WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT

-Everyone must do this homework. This is your FINAL GRADE FOR THIS CLASS and will count for a 50-point Homework Grade

-Everyone must upload it on the separate Canvas assignment by Wednesday night

The specific directions are in canvas, but here is what you need to do:

Open my website: “WEEK 14 MAY 2018 IB PAPER #1”

You may only spend 45 minutes total to do this practice for Paper #1. DO NOT SPEND MORE THAN 45 MINUTES SO YOU CAN PRACTICE THE TIME CONSTRAINT:

1. You must answer Question #2 about Buddhism
2. You must answer either Question #4 on Judaism or #5 on Christianity
3. You must answer Question #7 on Taoism

YOU SHOULD ONLY SPEND 15 MINUTES ON EACH QUESTION

UPLOAD YOUR ANSWERS ON CANVAS BEFORE WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT