

2004 AP[®] WORLD HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

WORLD HISTORY SECTION II

Note: This examination uses the chronological designations B.C.E. (before the common era) and C.E. (common era). These labels correspond to B.C. (before Christ) and A.D. (anno Domini), which are used in some world history textbooks.

Part A

(Suggested writing time—40 minutes)

Percent of Section II score—33 1/3

Directions: The following question is based on the accompanying Documents 1-6. The documents have been edited for the purpose of this exercise. Write your answer on the lined pages of the Section II free-response booklet.

This question is designed to test your ability to work with and understand historical documents. Write an essay that:

- Has a relevant thesis and supports that thesis with evidence from the documents.
- Uses all or all but one of the documents.
- Analyzes the documents by grouping them in as many appropriate ways as possible. **Does not simply summarize the documents individually.**
- Takes into account both the sources of the documents and the authors' points of view.

You may refer to relevant historical information not mentioned in the documents.

1. Based on the following documents, analyze the responses to the spread of Buddhism in China. What **additional kind of document(s)** would you need to evaluate the extent of Buddhism's appeal in China?

Historical Background: Buddhism, founded in India in the sixth century B.C.E., was brought to China by the first century C.E., gradually winning converts following the collapse of the Han dynasty in 220 C.E. Buddhist influence continued to expand for several centuries. Between 220 C.E. and 570 C.E., China experienced a period of political instability and disunity. After 570 C.E., the imperial structure was restored.

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Document 1

Source: According to Buddhist tradition, “The Four Noble Truths,” the first sermon preached by the Buddha (563 B.C.E.-483 B.C.E.), India, fifth century B.C.E.

The First Noble Truth is the Noble Truth of Sorrow. Birth is sorrow, age is sorrow, disease is sorrow, death is sorrow, contact with the unpleasant is sorrow, separation from the pleasant is sorrow, every wish unfulfilled is sorrow.

The Second Noble Truth is the Noble Truth of the Arising of Sorrow; it arises from craving, which leads to rebirth, which brings delight and passion, and seeks pleasure—the craving for sensual pleasure, the craving for continued life, and the craving for power.

The Third Noble Truth is the Noble Truth of the Stopping of Sorrow. It is the complete stopping of that craving, so that no passion remains, leaving it, being emancipated from it, being released from it, giving no place to it.

The Fourth Noble Truth is the Noble Truth of the Way that Leads to the Stopping of Sorrow.

Document 2

Source: Zhi Dun, Chinese scholar, author, and confidant of Chinese aristocrats and high officials during the period when northern China was invaded by central Asian steppe nomads, circa 350 C.E.

Whosoever in China, in this era of sensual pleasures, serves the Buddha and correctly observes the commandments, who recites the Buddhist Scriptures, and who furthermore makes a vow to be reborn without ever abandoning his sincere intention, will at the end of his life, when his soul passes away, be miraculously transported thither. He will behold the Buddha and be enlightened in his spirit, and then he will enter Nirvana. *

*Nirvana: the extinction of desire and individual consciousness

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Document 3

Source: Anonymous Chinese scholar, “The Disposition of Error,” China, circa 500 C.E.

Question: If Buddhism is the greatest and most venerable of ways, why did the great sages of the past and Confucius not practice it? In the Confucian Classics no one mentions it. Why, then, do you love the Way of the Buddha and rejoice in outlandish arts? Can the writings of the Buddha exceed the Classics and commentaries and beautify the accomplishments of the sages?

Answer: All written works need not necessarily be the words of Confucius. To compare the sages to the Buddha would be like comparing a white deer to a unicorn, or a swallow to a phoenix. The records and teachings of the Confucian classics do not contain everything. Even if the Buddha is not mentioned in them, what occasion is there for suspicion?

Question: Now of happiness there is none greater than the continuation of one’s line, of unfilial conduct there is none worse than childlessness. The monks forsake wives and children, reject property and wealth. Some do not marry all their lives.

Answer: Wives, children, and property are the luxuries of the world, but simple living and inaction are the wonders of the Way. The monk practices the Way and substitutes that for worldly pleasures. He accumulates goodness and wisdom in exchange for the joys of having a wife and children.

Document 4

Source: Han Yu, leading Confucian scholar and official at the Tang imperial court, “Memorial on Buddhism,” 819 C.E.

Your servant begs leave to say that Buddhism is no more than a cult of the barbarian peoples spread to China. It did not exist here in ancient times.

Now I hear that Your Majesty has ordered the community of monks to go to greet the finger bone of the Buddha [a relic brought to China from India], and that Your Majesty will ascend a tower to watch the procession as this relic is brought into the palace. If these practices are not stopped, and this relic of the Buddha is allowed to be carried from one temple to another, there will be those in the crowd who will cut off their arms and mutilate their flesh in offering to the Buddha.

Now the Buddha was a man of the barbarians who did not speak Chinese and who wore clothes of a different fashion. The Buddha’s sayings contain nothing about our ancient kings and the Buddha’s manner of dress did not conform to our laws; he understood neither the duties that bind sovereign and subject, nor the affections of father and son. If the Buddha were still alive today and came to our court, Your Majesty might condescend to receive him, but he would then be escorted to the borders of the nation, dismissed, and not allowed to delude the masses. How then, when he has long been dead, could the Buddha’s rotten bones, the foul and unlucky remains of his body, be rightly admitted to the palace? Confucius said: “Respect ghosts and spirits, but keep them at a distance!” Your servant is deeply ashamed and begs that this bone from the Buddha be given to the proper authorities to be cast into fire and water, that this evil be rooted out, and later generations spared this delusion.

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Document 5

Source: Zong Mi, a leading Buddhist scholar, favored by the Tang imperial household, essay, "On the Nature of Man," early ninth century C.E.

Confucius, Laozi and the Buddha were perfect sages. They established their teachings according to the demands of the age and the needs of various beings. They differ in their approaches in that they encourage the perfection of good deeds, punish wicked ones, and reward good ones; all three teachings lead to the creation of an orderly society and for this they must be observed with respect.

Document 6

Source: Tang Emperor Wu, Edict on Buddhism, 845 C.E.

We have heard that the Buddha was never spoken of before the Han dynasty; from then on the religion of idols gradually came to prominence. So in this latter age Buddhism has transmitted its strange ways and has spread like a luxuriant vine until it has poisoned the customs of our nation. Buddhism has spread to all the nine provinces of China; each day finds its monks and followers growing more numerous and its temples more lofty. Buddhism wears out the people's strength, pilfers their wealth, causes people to abandon their lords and parents for the company of teachers, and severs man and wife with its monastic decrees. In destroying law and injuring humankind indeed nothing surpasses this doctrine!

Now if even one man fails to work the fields, someone must go hungry; if one woman does not tend her silkworms, someone will go cold. At present there are an inestimable number of monks and nuns in the empire, all of them waiting for the farmers to feed them and the silkworms to clothe them while the Buddhist public temples and private chapels have reached boundless numbers, sufficient to outshine the imperial palace itself.

Having thoroughly examined all earlier reports and consulted public opinion on all sides, there no longer remains the slightest doubt in Our mind that this evil should be eradicated.

END OF PART A

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WORLD HISTORY SECTION II

Part B

(Suggested planning and writing time—40 minutes)

Percent of Section II score—33 1/3

Directions: You are to answer the following question. You should spend 5 minutes organizing or outlining your essay. Write an essay that:

- Has a relevant thesis and supports that thesis with appropriate historical evidence.
 - Addresses all parts of the question.
 - Uses historical context to show change over time and/or continuities.
2. Analyze the changes and continuities in labor systems between 1750 and 1914 in ONE of the following areas. In your analysis, be sure to discuss the causes of the changes and the reasons for the continuities.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Russia

Sub-Saharan Africa

Part C

(Suggested planning and writing time—40 minutes)

Percent of Section II score—33 1/3

Directions: You are to answer the following question. You should spend 5 minutes organizing or outlining your essay. Write an essay that:

- Has a relevant thesis and supports that thesis with appropriate historical evidence.
 - Addresses all parts of the question.
 - Makes direct, relevant comparisons.
3. Compare and contrast how the First World War and its outcomes affected TWO of the following regions in the period from the war through the 1930's.

East Asia

Middle East

South Asia (Indian subcontinent)

END OF EXAMINATION

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Question 1—Document-Based Question

BASIC CORE (competence):

0-7 Points

1. Has acceptable thesis.

1 Point

Thesis must be located at the beginning (introduction) or the end (conclusion) of the essay. No split thesis; although it may be 2 connected sentences. Thesis must include specific references to different types of responses. Examples include:

- There were positive and negative responses (minimally acceptable).
- Change over Time: there were more positive responses early in the period than later.
- Buddhism more acceptable in times of disorder; Confucianism more acceptable in stable times.
- Blending: positive, negative, and some advocated blending or coexistence of religions/philosophies.

“There were many responses,” without qualification, is not sufficient as a thesis.

2. Uses 6 or 5, of the 6 documents.

1 Point

There are 6 documents. Students must make use of 6 or 5 documents. It is not sufficient to mention a document in a list.

3. Understands the basic meaning of documents cited in the essay.

1 Point

(May misinterpret one document.)

Students must understand the basic meaning of 4 of 5 or 5 of 6 documents.

- #3 is frequently misinterpreted as being hostile to Buddhism.
- If the typographical error on the date in Document 1 is the root of a misinterpretation, it does not count against the student (e.g., if Buddha is used with a C.E. date, instead of B.C.E. date).

4. Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from the documents.

1 Point

- For 3 documents, students support thesis by analyzing documents: why a document is significant or how it supports their thesis (analysis, not “plot summary”).
- This may be in the form of student commentary on concrete details, or the application of documents to the student’s argument.

5. Analyzes bias or point of view (POV) in three documents.

1 Point

Students must analyze POV correctly in 3 documents.

- POV explains *why this particular person might have this particular opinion* **or** *what informs the author’s POV*. Students must consider the characteristics of the author, and/or the intended audience, and/or the form or medium (official documents, sermon, etc.), and/or the tone of the document, and/or how the temporal context (e.g., writing in a period of stability/instability) may have influenced the author’s opinion.
- Mere attribution is not sufficient. Attribution is copying/repeating source information verbatim from the documents.

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Question 1—Document-Based Question (cont'd.)

6. Analyzes the documents by grouping them in at least two ways.

1 Point

- Positive responses: (1), 2, 3, 5
- Negative responses: 4, 6
- Responses during upheaval (pre-Tang): (1), 2, 3
- “Traditional Confucian,” xenophobic, historical responses: 4, 6 with evidence from 3, 5
- Universalist, individualistic, blending, inclusionary responses: (1), 2, 3, 5

7. Identifies one type of appropriate additional document.

1 Point

Students must identify an additional document or type of document and *explain why that document is appropriate for their argument*. The mostly commonly called-for documents are:

- lower class documents (peasant, farmer, merchant) to show contrast with the elite documents;
- women's voices to contrast with the male elite documents;
- chart, graph, or map showing populations of Buddhist converts over time.

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Question 1—Document-Based Question (cont'd.)

EXPANDED CORE (excellence):

0-2 Points

Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 points. A student **must** earn **7** points in the basic core area before earning points in the expanded core area.

Examples:

- Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis. Could be:
 - Placement in the introductory paragraph as a controlling idea, and not merely used as a conclusion
 - A more sophisticated and nuanced thesis than the “positive and negative responses” thesis
 - A nuanced understanding of the importance of change over time
- Shows careful and insightful analysis of the documents.
 - Recognition of the inferences of mass/lower-class involvement in Buddhism in Documents 3, 4, 5
 - Analysis of 4 or more documents
 - Deals thoughtfully with change over time, or dates of documents
- Uses documents persuasively as evidence.
 - Documents woven into broader conceptual frameworks (social, economic, political, for example)
- Analyzes point of view or bias in 4, 5, or 6 documents.
 - Thoughtful analysis of authors’ backgrounds, intended audiences, or format/medium or tone of the documents
- Analyzes the documents in additional ways—groupings, comparisons, syntheses.
 - More than 2 basic groupings: subgroups of positive and negative responses
 - Unusual but legitimate groupings other than positive/negative
- Brings in relevant “outside” historical content.
 - Buddhism appealed to lower classes and women
 - Threat to Confucian elites, scholar-bureaucrats
 - Tax-exempt status of Buddhist monasteries under Tang dynasty
 - Buddhism’s philosophy of Bodhisattvas can ease one’s entrance into Buddhist heaven (Chinese adaptation of ancestor worship with Nirvana)
 - Empress Wu as a Buddhist empress and misogynist backlash from Confucian scholars and advisors
 - Connection of local (Chinese) documents to larger historical trends
- Identifies more than one type of appropriate additional document.
 - Sophisticated explanation of why the additional type of document is necessary to the argument
 - Requests for additional document(s) woven into the body and ongoing argument of the essay

TOTAL:

9 Points