

BUDDHISM EXAM 1

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VOCABULARY / TERMINOLOGY

Matching/fill in the blank.

- anatman:** Teaching of no-self
vipassana: Meditation of insight
dhyana: Oldest texts of Buddhism, translates to meditation.
Brahmins: Buddhist monks
marga: The eight fold path to enlightenment
arhat: Person who achieves enlightenment from following the teachings of a Buddha
bodhisattva: Person on the path to become a Buddha in a future life
parinirvana: Death with no remain, when the body dies.
Vinaya: Collection of rules that all monks/nuns were required to follow.
Dharma: Ultimate truth, how things should be
sangha: Community of Buddhist monks and nuns
Upanisads: Later philosophical sacred texts
Tathagatha: Buddha
Paul Carus: Man wanted to create religion of science, heavily inspired by Buddhism.
Buddhaghosa: Monk who wrote the path of purification, he organized the path to enlightenment into clear steps.
samsara: Cycle of death and rebirth
Anagarika Dharmapala: Sri Lankan monk who helped westernize Buddhism at the World parliament of religions.
sramana: Wandering philosophers, practiced ascetic.
dukkha: Suffering of samsara.
nirvana: Cessation/goal, this is the escape from samsara.
jataka: Tales of former lives of the Buddha.
bhikkhu: Ordained Buddhist monk.
trsna: Craving/ignorance, the cause for dukkha.
pratitya samutpada: Conditioned arising
dana: The virtue of generosity.
pynya: Spiritual merit.
Siddhartha Gautama: The found of Buddhism in our world, and the most recent Buddha in this world.
Shakamuni: ???

Complete the list.

Triple realm/Three realms: Desire realm, Form realm, and the formless realm
Six realms/paths of rebirth: God, Demi-god, Human, Animal, Hungry ghost, Hell
Three Jewels/Three Refuges: Buddha, Dharma, Sangha
Three marks of existence in samsara: suffering, impermanence, anatman
Five aggregates: Form, Feeling, Perception, Will, Consciousness
Four Noble Truths: Suffering, Craving, Cessation, Noble eightfold path
Threefold division of the Noble Eightfold Path: Wisdom, Moral virtue, Meditation
Fourfold assembly: Monks, Nuns, Laymen, Laywomen

SHORT ANSWERS

Paul Carus' "religion of science". Paul Carus wanted to create a religion of science based on Buddhism.

Existential/philosophical "problem" facing the sramanas of the Buddha's time.

Two senses in which Buddhism is a "Middle Way". Buddhism is the middle way both in philosophy and in practice. It is a middle between eternalism and nihilism, and between pleasure and self-mortification.

How karma relates to wealth, beauty, and social position. Karma of a previous life causes these attributes in the current life.

- Not angry not envious -> beauty
- Generous -> Wealthy
- Not envious -> High social status
- Easily angered -> Ugly
- Greedy -> Poor
- Envious of others -> Low social status

The sangha as a "field of merit". For the layperson giving to a member of the sangha provided great spiritual merit, so the sangha can be considered a field of merit, where the layperson can plant seeds for greater merit.

Brahmanical teaching of *atman* vs Buddha's teaching of *anatman*. The Brahmanical teaching of self, taught that there was some eternal soul. Buddha's teaching of no self, says that there is nothing that can be considered eternal, and everything ends.

Kondanna's enlightenment. Kondanna was the first monk (after the Buddha) to achieve enlightenment. It is described as dust falling from his eyes. He then comments that everything that begins is subject to cessation.

Four objects of mindfulness and the promised results of mindfulness meditation in the *Discourse on the Establishment of Mindfulness*.

The 4 expellable offenses and the concerns of the vinaya authors. Sexual intercourse (of any kind), Theft, Murder, Lying about one's spiritual achievements.

Mahaprajapati and the story of the founding of the nuns' order. The Buddha was very reluctant to allow women to be ordained, as it would cause his teachings to only last half the time. But in the end he does allow nuns to be ordained.

PASSAGE ANALYSIS

- Questions of Milinda
- Discourse on the Establishment of Mindfulness
- Setting the Wheel of the Dharma in Motion
- Mahaparinibbana Sutta
- Bhikshuni Vinaya
- Account of the Beginning
- Paul Carus' letter