

BUDDHISM EXAM 1

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VOCABULARY / TERMINOLOGY

Matching/fill in the blank.

- anatman:** Teaching of no-self
vipassana: Meditation of insight
dhyana: ???
Brahmins: ???
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: ???
Dharma: Ultimate truth, how things should be
sangha: Community of Buddhist monks and nuns
Upanisads: Later philosophical sacred texts
Tathagatha: ???
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: ???
trsna: Craving/ignorance, the cause for dukkha.
pratitya samutpada: Conditioned arising
dana: ???
punya: 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: ???
Six realms/paths of rebirth: God, Demi-god, Human, Animal, Hungry ghost, Hell
Three Jewels/Three Refuges: ???
Three marks of existence in samsara: ???
Five aggregates: ???
Four Noble Truths: ???
Threefold division of the Noble Eight-fold Path: ???
Fourfold assembly: ???

SHORT ANSWERS

Paul Carus' "religion of science".

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.

The *sangha* as a "field of merit".

Brahmanical teaching of *atman* vs Buddha's teaching of *anatman*.

Kondanna's enlightenment.

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.

Mahaprajapati and the story of the founding of the nuns' order.

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