

Higher RMPS Calendar 2015-16

Buddhism

W/b	Topic	Lesson	Resource	Homework
June	The Buddha Shakyamuni	The Ten Acts of the Buddha	'Buddhism' Dominique Side p1-13	Choosing any format that suits your skills – present 'The Ten Acts of the Buddha'
17.8.15		The Four Sights	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p23-24 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p14-15 'The Little Buddha' DVD (40.10 – 48.48)	What was the significance of the Four Sights in the life of Siddhartha? (10 marks)
24.8.15		Going Forth and Enlightenment	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p25-27 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p15-18	
31.8.15	The Dhammapada	The path of the dhamma	Dhammapada 147-156	
7.9.15	Samsara (The nature of human beings)	The Wheel of Samsara: Dependent origination	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p46-52 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p137-145 Tibetan Wheel of Life	
	(The nature of human beings)	The Three Root Poisons	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p53-55 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p121-123 'Root Poisons' PowerPoint The Fire Sermon	Explain what is meant by the 'Middle Way' and why this epitomises Buddhism.

			Dhammapada 1-14	
14.9.15	Kamma	Punna/Skilful and Unskilful actions	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p66-74 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p124-135 The Parable of the Burning House	Explain the benefits and difficulties of belief in kamma for Buddhists (8 marks)
21.9.15	The Four Noble Truths (The nature of existence)	The first Noble Truth: Dukkha LO1.1 (Dukkha is also one of the Three Marks of Existence)	'Buddhism' Dominique Side p80-86 'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p29-30 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p28 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p91-94	"if a man speaks or acts with an impure mind, suffering follows him." In what ways can this teaching affect the way a Buddhist lives? (6 marks)
5.10.15		The second Noble Truth: Tanha/Samudaya	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p30-31,56 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p29-31	
19.10.15		The third Noble Truth: Nibbana/Nirodha	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p31 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p31-33 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p145-149 'Nibbana' PowerPoint 'The Questions of King Milinda'	"And he who is free from credulous beliefs since he has seen the eternal Nibbana, who has thrown off the bondage of the lower life and, far beyond temptations, has surrendered all his desires, he is indeed great amongst men". Dhammapada 97 Explain what Buddhists would understand by the phrase "bondage of lower life"?

2.11.15	(The nature of human beings)	The forth Noble Truth: Magga/The Eightfold Path/The Threefold Way	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p32 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p33-35 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p50-55 Dhammapada 273-289	"The Noble Eightfold path comprises morality, meditation and wisdom." Assess the relative importance of each aspect of the path in the quest for enlightenment. (15 marks)
9.11.15	Assessment (1)			
16.11.15	The Three Marks of Conditioned Existence	Dukkha and The Five Skhandas	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p37-41 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p35-39 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p91-94	
30.11.15		Anicca	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p43 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p87-91 The Story of Kisagotami and the Mustard Seed The Story of the Hungry Tigress Dhammapada 147	"You cannot understand suffering without understanding Anicca". How far do you agree? (10 marks)
7.12.15		Anatta	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p41-42 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p94-98 The Chariot analogy – The Questions of King Milinda	How can The Story of the Hungry Tigress be used to exemplify anicca and anatta?

			The Story of the Hungry Tigress	
		Anatta and The Five Skhandas	'Buddhism' Dominique Side p98-102	
18.1.16	The Dhamma	The Truth Not the source of enlightenment, but indicating the way	Simile of The Raft Sermon at Benares	To what extent is it practical to follow the Dhamma in today's world? 10 marks
25.1.16	The Sangha	Monks, Nuns and laity The Three Jewels	Dhammapada 76-89	
1.2.16		The Aryasangha/ Bodhisattva and Arhat	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p82-87 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p55-59	Outline the basic paths of the Theravada Arhat and the Mahayana Bodhisattva (10 marks)
8.2.16	Assessment (2)			
15.2.16	Ethics	The Five Precepts/Ten Precepts Ahimsa	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p129-139 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p53-59 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p150-157	What are the main moral principles of Buddhism? (8 marks)
22.2.16	Meditation and worship	Meditation: purpose and practice	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p143-145 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p59-60	

			'Buddhism' Dominique Side p170,171,178-179	
29.2.16		Samatha and Vipassana	'Issues of Buddhism' Joe Walker p145-147 'Buddhism' Denise Cush p60-64 'Buddhism' Dominique Side p172-177	
			The Four Immeasurables	
7.3.16	Assessment (3)			
14.3.16		Worship	'Buddhism' Denise Cush p79-81 Samye Ling	Why do you think Buddhists gather together for worship and make offerings when they do not believe in a 'god'?
21.3.16	Exam Preparation			