

# **Buddhist Beliefs - POSSIBLE Examination Style Questions (August 17 v.1)**

## **The Buddha's Life**

Give to significant points of the Buddha's life. (2)

Explain two ways in which the Buddha's life influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the birth of the Buddha influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the Buddha's life of luxury influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the Four Sights influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the Buddha's ascetic life influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the Buddha's Enlightenment influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two beliefs/teachings about the Buddha's life. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the birth of the Buddha. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Four Sights. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Buddha's ascetic life. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Buddha's Enlightenment. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Studying the life of the Buddha is not important for Buddhists today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The birth of the Buddha is the most significant point in the Buddha's life. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Seeing the Four Sights was the most significant event in the Buddha's life. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Becoming an ascetic was the most significant event in the Buddha's life. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Buddha's Enlightenment was the most significant event in the Buddha's life. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

## **The Buddha's Life**

Give two of the Four Noble Truths. (2)

Give two types of suffering. (2)

Give two causes of suffering. (2)

Give two of the Three Poisons. (2)

Give two aspects of the Eightfold Path. (2)

Give two reasons why the Buddha rejected his life of wealth. (2)

Explain two ways in which the Four Noble Truths influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which suffering influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the Three Poisons influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which Nibbana influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which Enlightenment influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the Eightfold Path influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about suffering. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the causes of suffering. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Three Poisons. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about craving. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about Nibbana. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about Enlightenment. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Eightfold Path. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

The Four Noble Truths are not relevant for Buddhists today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Buddha's teaching on suffering (dukkha) is His most important. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Buddha's teaching on the causes of suffering (samudaya) is His most important. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Buddha's teaching on the end of craving (tanha) is His most important. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Buddha's teaching on the Eightfold Path is His most important. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The path of ethics (sila) is the most important in the Eightfold Path. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The path of meditation (samadhi) is the most important in the Eightfold Path. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The path of wisdom (panna) is the most important in the Eightfold Path. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Buddha's teaching in the Dhammapada (190-191) is all Buddhists need to live their life. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Buddhists cannot follow the Eightfold Path today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is impossible to understand the Nibbana. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is impossible to gain Enlightenment. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

## **The Dhamma**

Give two of the Three Marks of Existence. (2)

Give two of the Five Aggregates. (2)

Give two examples of Buddhist traditions. (2)

Give two examples human ideals in Buddhism. (2)

Explain two ways in which Dhamma influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the concept of dependent arising influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which the Three Marks of Existence influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which anicca influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which anatta influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways in which dukkha influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways the Five Aggregates influence Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways sunyata influence Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways Buddhahood influence Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways Buddha-nature influence Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways ideals about human destiny influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways the Arhat ideal influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways the Bodhisattva ideal influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two ways Buddhahood in Pure Land influences Buddhists today. (4)

Explain two beliefs about Dhamma. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about concept of dependent arising. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Three Marks of Existence. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about anicca. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about anatta. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about dukkha. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Five Aggregates. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about sunyata. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about Buddhahood. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about Buddha-nature. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about human destiny. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Arhat ideal. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about the Bodhisattva ideal. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

Explain two beliefs about Buddhahood in Pure Land. Refer to scripture or sacred writing in your answer. (5)

It is impossible to follow the Dhamma today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Anicca is the most important Mark of Existence. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Anatta is the most important Mark of Existence. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Dukkha is the most important Mark of Existence. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is impossible to attain Buddhahood. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is impossible to understand the nature of the Buddha. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is better to be a Bodhisattva than an Arhat. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Bodhisattva ideal is impossible to attain for Buddhists today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The Arhat ideal is impossible to attain for Buddhists today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Following Pure Land Buddhism is the only way for Buddhists to attain Buddhahood. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

## **Buddhist Practices - POSSIBLE Examination Style Questions (August 17 v.1)**

### **Places of Worship**

Give two examples of Buddhist places of worship. (2)

Give two uses of Buddhist places of worship. (2)

Give two features of Buddhist places of worship. (2)

Explain two contrasting places of worship in Buddhism. (4)

Explain two contrasting uses of Buddhist places of worship. (4)

Explain two contrasting features found within Buddhist places of worship. (4)

Explain two ways in which places of worship are important in Buddhism. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which temples are important in Buddhist worship. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which shrines are important in Buddhist worship. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which monasteries are important in Buddhist worship. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which halls of meditation are important in Buddhist worship. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which halls of learning are important in Buddhist worship. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Places of worship are not important for Buddhists. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Temples/shrines/monasteries/halls for meditation/halls for learning are not important for Buddhists. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

### **Puja**

Give two aids to puja. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways in which Buddhists perform puja. (4)

Explain two ways in which puja is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Puja is the best way for Buddhists to show devotion to the Buddha. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

### **Meditation**

Give methods of mediation in Buddhism. (2)

Give types of meditation. (2)

Give two contrasting methods of meditation. (4)

Give two contrasting aims of meditation. (4)

Explain two reasons why meditation is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why samatha meditation is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why vipassana meditation is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why the visualisation of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

It is only through meditation that Buddhists can understand the Buddha's Dhamma. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Meditation is pointless. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is too difficult to meditate. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Samatha meditation is the best form of meditation. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is impossible to visualise the Buddha and Bodhisattvas. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

## **Death Ceremonies/Rituals**

Give two examples of rituals associated with death in Buddhism. (2)

Explain two contrasting Buddhist rituals associated with death and mourning. (4)

Explain two ways in which death ceremonies are important to Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which death ceremonies are important to Buddhists in Tibet. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two ways in which death ceremonies are important to Buddhists in Japan. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Death ceremonies are irrelevant in the modern world. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It does not matter what you do with the dead. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

## **Festivals and Retreats**

Give two examples of Buddhist festivals. (2)

Give two ways Buddhists can remember the Buddha. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways in which Buddhists remember the life and/or teachings of the Buddha. (4)

Example two contrasting Buddhist festivals. (4)

Explain two reasons why festivals are important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why Wesak is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why Parinirvana Day is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why retreats are important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Wesak is more important than Parinirvana Day. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Retreats are a better way to remember the Buddha than festivals. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Festivals are not important to Buddhists in Great Britain today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Retreats are not important to Buddhists in Great Britain today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

## **Buddhist Ethics**

Give two examples of Buddhist ethical teachings. (2)

Give two of the Five Moral Precepts. (2)

Give two of the Six Perfections. (2)

Explain two contrasting ways Buddhists live an ethical lifestyle. (4)

Explain two reasons why kamma is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why rebirth is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why compassion is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why loving kindness is important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why the Five Moral Precepts are important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

Explain two reasons why the Six Perfections are important for Buddhists. Refer to Buddhist teaching in your answer. (5)

The five precepts are impossible to live by. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

The six perfections are impossible to uphold. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Kamma is the most important ethical teaching. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Loving kindness is the most important ethical teaching. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Compassion is the most important ethical teaching. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

It is impossible to uphold Buddhist ethical teachings today. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)

Do not take life is the most important of the Five Precepts. Evaluate this statement. (12+5)