

PRACTICE PAPER
ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES PAPER 1

(1 hour 45 minutes)

This paper must be answered in English

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper consists of two parts:

Part A
Normative Ethics: Answer ALL questions.

Part B
Personal and Social Issues: Answer TWO out of four questions.
2. Write your answers in the answer book. Start each question (not part of a question) on a new page.

Part A Normative Ethics**Compulsory Part**

1. Can religion enhance the moral life of human beings? Give **ONE** example to illustrate your view. (5 marks)
2. Deontology emphasises that ‘whether an action is right or wrong is more important than whether its consequence is good or bad’. Point out **ONE** limitation of this standpoint. (5 marks)
3. Some people believe that democracy is an instrumental value while some others believe that it is an intrinsic value. What is your view? Explain your answer. (5 marks)
4. Compared to the theory of conduct, what are the advantages of the theory of virtue? Give **ONE** advantage and briefly explain. (5 marks)

Part B Personal and Social Issues**Answer 2 out of 4 questions**

5. In 2011, photos of some Hong Kong actors and actresses were taken without their consent. Some photos showing nudity at home were publicised in magazines. The incident caused public concern and some people demanded that the government should pass a law banning the taking of photos without a person’s consent. However, some others were worried that such a law would infringe the freedom of the press.

Discuss, from the view of media ethics, whether the government should pass a law banning the taking of photos without a person’s consent. Explain your standpoint and arguments. (20 marks)

6. In 2011, it was reported that some students of the Chinese University of Hong Kong upheld the slogan, “Recognise university students’ sexual desire; get back the space for sex in the dormitory”. They demanded that the university allow students of different sexes to share rooms in some dormitories, so that students could freely choose the students they were attracted to as their room-mates.

Do you agree with the above demand? Justify your answer from the perspective of sex ethics. (20 marks)

7. In 2011, a resident in Tung Chung, Ms Chu, submitted an application for a judicial review on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report provided by the Environmental Protection Department, as she was worried that the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau bridge might pollute the environment. This, she argued, might bring harm to her. As a result of this review, the High Court ruled that the EIA report was not up to standard and the environmental permit for building the bridge was quashed. Some people pointed out that if the environmental evaluation has to be done again, the construction price of the bridge will rise and the amalgamation of Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macau will be delayed. They argued that this will cause huge economic loss.

Comment on Ms Chu’s action from the perspective of environmental ethics. (20 marks)

8. In 2011, it was reported that Bisphenol A (BPA) was found in the coating of the inside of drinking cans used by an internationally famous company in order to prevent erosion. Studies show that low levels of BPA have negative effects on animals' nervous systems and reproductive systems. A spokesperson of the company admitted that they coat the inside of their cans with BPA but expressed that the coating contains a very low level of BPA and that it would not bring harmful effect to humans. The company refused to stop using BPA.

Is the company's behaviour right or wrong? Justify your answer from the perspective of business ethics. (20 marks)

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PRACTICE PAPER
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(1 hour 45 minutes)

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper consists of two modules. Candidates should attempt the module they chose when registering for the examination. Answers written for the non-registered module will not be marked.

Module 1: Buddhism

Candidates attempting Module 1 should answer ONE out of two questions in Part 1 and TWO out of four questions in Part 2.

Module 2: Christianity

Candidates attempting Module 2 should answer THREE out of five questions.

During the examination, invigilators may examine the Bible which candidates have brought into the centre. Any infringement of the 'open-book' examination regulations will incur penalties or disqualification.

2. Write your answers in the answer book. Start each question (not part of a question) on a new page.

Module 1: Buddhism**Part 1: History of Buddhism****Answer 1 out of 2 questions**

1.
 - (a) Aryans moved to India and introduced the four caste system. Name all classes in this system and briefly describe their characteristics. (8 marks)
 - (b) Taking the social backgrounds of Buddha's disciples as examples, explain how the Buddhist sangha was a fairer system than the four caste system. (4 marks)
 - (c) What is the significance of the "first turning of the wheel of teaching" to the development of Buddhism at that time and in the generations that came after? (8 marks)

2. Answer the following questions according to the history of development of Buddhism.
 - (a) After about five hundred years of the great nirvana of Buddha, Mahayana Buddhism started to develop actively in India. Explain the reasons for the rise of Mahayana Buddhism. (6 marks)
 - (b) Buddhism spread to China and developed a localized sangha in China. State **FOUR** characteristics of this sangha. (8 marks)
 - (c) The Basic Law states: "Religious organizations and believers in the HKSAR may maintain and develop their relations with religious organizations and believers elsewhere."

Take **ONE** Buddhist activity after 1 July 1997 as an example to illustrate that Buddhist organizations in Hong Kong enjoy the rights mentioned above. (6 marks)

Part 2: Doctrines of Buddhism and Buddhist Practice**Answer 2 out of 4 questions**

3. (a) Explain the detailed contents of “discipline, concentration and wisdom” and their functions in Buddhist practices. (6 marks)
- (b) Why are “discipline, concentration and wisdom” equally important? Explain your answer. (4 marks)
- (c) Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh said, “All I had to do was look at the palm of my hand, feel the breeze on my face or the earth under my feet to remember that my mother is always with me, available at any time... The Buddha has a very different understanding of our existence. It is the understanding that birth and death are notions. They are not real. The fact that we think they are true makes a powerful illusion that causes our suffering.”

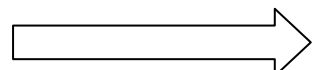
How does the above paragraph illustrate the practice of “four foundations of mindfulness”? (10 marks)

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below.

Customs Officer Yuen severely injured his liver while carrying out his duty. His colleague, Inspector Hui, donated part of his liver to him. After nearly 10 hours of operation, both were in stable condition and were recovering from the surgery. Inspector Hui and Officer Yuen did not know each other before the operation.

Yuen’s wife was delighted to know that the operation had gone well and she described the donor as “the hero”. She also thanked the medical team at the hospital.

- (a) (i) What is bodhisattva? (2 marks)
- (ii) In the above incident, who embodied the spirit of bodhisattva? Briefly explain your answer. (6 marks)
- (b) What is “paramita?” Which perfection out of the six paramitas (six perfections) does Inspector Hui’s action belong to? Why? (6 marks)
- (c) How could “wisdom” help people make the right decision regarding organ donation? Discuss with reference to personal and family considerations. (6 marks)



5. Read the following incident and answer the questions with reference to Buddhist doctrines.

An American couple put their decision on whether to have an abortion up to an Internet vote.

According to the couple, they have been married for 10 years and the wife had two miscarriages this year. As they are not sure if they are ready to raise kids, they would like to consult opinions through the Internet.

- (a) Based on **ONE** item of the “Eightfold Paths”, explain why the couple’s action is wrong. (6 marks)
- (b) Take **TWO** items of the practices of “the vehicles of human beings and celestial beings” to remonstrate people who plan to have an abortion. (8 marks)
- (c) Assume there is a pregnant woman. Her doctor has diagnosed that the development of the embryo will threaten the woman’s life. Do you agree that she should have an abortion? Use Buddhist doctrines to support your answer. (6 marks)
6. (a) Explain the relationship among “delusion,” “karma,” and “suffering” using the parts concerning “present cause” and “future effect” in the Twelve Links of Dependent Origination. (14 marks)
- (b) Read the information about Siu Fa below:

At age 13: Dropped out from school, obtained drugs from her friend, abusive use of drugs in long term.

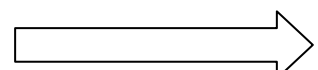
At age 25 (at present): Because of long term drug abuse her brain functions are impaired and she is emotionally unstable. A psychiatrist points out that she shows suicidal tendencies.

At age 40: Not yet known.

Based on the above information, explain Siu Fa’s situation using the teaching of the “relationship of three periods and two layers”. (6 marks)

Module 2: Christianity**Answer 3 out of 5 questions**

7. (a) Explain how the exilic experience influenced the formation of the Messianic hope in Jewish people. (6 marks)
- (b) What were the views of the following groups on the question of whether Jesus is the Messiah? Explain your answer.
- (i) Sadducees (5 marks)
- (ii) Jesus' disciples (5 marks)
- (c) How can today's Christians use the teachings about the Exile to help them face adverse situations? (4 marks)
8. (a) Explain any **TWO** of Paul's views on salvation. (10 marks)
- (b) (i) How does James' view on salvation complement the view of justification by faith? (6 marks)
- (ii) How can James' view on salvation be used to help believers today respond to the problem of disparity between the rich and the poor? (4 marks)
9. (a) With reference to the situation of Palestine in the first century, discuss how Jesus' prayer below could guide believers' life at that time. Answer with reference to individual and social aspects. (10 marks)
- "Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil....." (Matthew 6:9-13)
- (b) From the Sermon on the Mount, give **TWO** qualities of the people of the Kingdom of God. Explain how these qualities could help believers live a God-centred life. [Do not cite the text in (a).] (10 marks)



10. (a) What challenges could Jesus' teaching of "love your neighbour" in the story of the Samaritan# bring to the Jewish people at that time. (10 marks)

you may refer to the following text if needed.

Luke 10:25-37

Verses : And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him. "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

- (b) (i) Use **ONE** example to illustrate that Jesus practised his own teaching of "love your neighbour". (3 marks)
- (ii) Use **ONE** example to illustrate that the Early Church practised Jesus' teaching of "love your neighbour". (3 marks)
- (c) What difficulties may secondary school students face if they practise the teaching of "love your neighbour"? Give **ONE** and explain your answer. (4 marks)

11. (a) (i) How does the story of Jesus praying in Gethsemane reflect his human nature? (9 marks)
- (ii) Use **THREE** points to explain why the process in which Jesus was arrested and tried was unjust. (9 marks)
- (b) With reference to Jesus' attitude towards suffering and death, give **TWO** points to help young people face bullying. (6 marks)

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