

HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES PAPER 2

(Sample Paper)

XX.XX am – XX.XX am (1 3/4 hours)
This paper must be answered in English

Unit One: Buddhism

Unit Two: Christianity

Candidates should attempt one unit only.

Not to be taken away before the
end of the examination

Unit 1: Buddhism**Part A History of Buddhism****Answer 1 out of 2 questions**

1. Answer the following questions according to the Buddha's background and his teachings.
 - (a) During the lifetime of the Buddha, there were six heretical teachers. Analyse the reasons for their emergence based on the ideological development at that time. (4 marks)
 - (b) Buddhism and Brahmanism had different views on the transmigration concepts of "karmic retribution" and "soul". Explain the view of Buddhism. (6 marks)
 - (c) According to the last teachings of the Buddha, what did he remind his students about ways of practice? Why did he instruct his students in this way? (6 marks)
 - (d) What could the last teachings of the Buddha inspire you regarding your school life? Give TWO points and explain your answer. (4 marks)

2. Answer the following questions according to the development of Buddhism in Hong Kong.
 - (a) Many monks moved to Hong Kong from China after 1949. This is a major impetus in promoting Buddhism in Hong Kong. Give the reasons of their move, and briefly describe the history and impacts. (6 marks)
 - (b) Briefly explain the development of Tibetan Buddhism in Hong Kong. (6 marks)
 - (c) The Hong Kong Buddhist Association is an important Buddhist organization in Hong Kong. Briefly state its contributions to preaching Buddhism and providing social services. (4 marks)
 - (d) If you were a member of the Preaching Committee of the Hong Kong Buddhist Association, what would you do to promote the development of Buddhism in Hong Kong? Give two suggestions and explain your answer. (4 marks)

Part B Buddhist Doctrine and Practice**Answer 2 out of 4 questions**

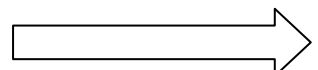
3. Read the following incident carefully and answer the questions:

After a forbidden food preservative was found in bombay-duck, the sales were suspended. The Health Department sampled and tested Bombay-duck from the retail markets and found that some samples contained formaldehyde, and the level was quite high in some of these samples.

- (a) According to the views of Buddhism, businessmen violated the Eightfold Paths by using formaldehyde which is a forbidden food preservative in Bombay-duck. Advise the businessmen by using three of the Eightfold Paths. (6 marks)
- (b) According to the Law of Dependent Origination, analyse the cause and result of using formaldehyde which is a forbidden food preservative in Bombay-duck by businessmen. (4 marks)
- (c) Analyse the incident of using formaldehyde in Bombay-duck by businessmen from the aspect of shared karma and determinate karma. (4 marks)
- (d) What should we do to avoid the reoccurrence of the incident in terms of solving its causes and effects? Analyse according to Tripod of Buddhist practices. (6 marks)

4. Answer the following questions according to the Early Buddhism.

- (a) The Buddha preached the Four Noble Truths which is known as the 'Three Rounds and Twelve Permutations' at the Deer Park. Explain what is the 'Three Rounds and Twelve Permutations'. (6 marks)
- (b) Briefly explain the meaning and function of "Discipline, Concentration and Wisdom". (6 marks)
- (c) (i) Explain the meaning of "Aggregates". Why does the attachment to the Five Aggregates as "self" cause to sufferings? (5 marks)
- (ii) Why there is no real understanding of the true nature of existence so long as there is attachment to the Five Aggregates? (3 marks)



5. Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions.

Wong Yan Lung is currently the Secretary for Justice of Hong Kong. He was born in a poor family, always helped his father to sell soft drinks and ice cream from a wooden cart from Causeway Bay to car station at Mid-levels in Central. In order not to affect his school work, Wong always studied very hard at night. His academic performance was at the top of the class. Due to his excellent academic results, he was awarded a scholarship to further study at Cambridge University after he had graduated from Queen's College.

Wong has encountered frustrations in his life. He had attained excellent academic result throughout his study at Cambridge University. However, in his final year, he could not obtain a first class Honours award because of the difference of a few marks. He could not face the reality at that time and had soaked himself in the bathtub for a few hours. After calming his mind, he finally chose to face the reality bravely. He was very happy that he had this kind of failure experiences. He considered that the experience was the best way to enhance his own quality.

In 1987, Wong Yan Lung was accepted to the Bar in England. He was also accepted to the Bar in Hong Kong in the same year. Nevertheless, he does not forget his social responsibility after his success. He became a volunteer since 1991 and visited street sleepers every week and served them by cutting their hair. He even tried to sleep on the street in order to experience the taste of street sleeping. He also donated his wedding gifts valued at several hundred thousand dollars to the association.

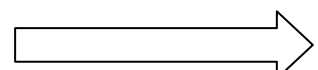
- (a) Why did Wong Yan Lung achieve success even though he came from a poor family? Explain your answer according to the law of karma in Buddhism. (3 marks)
- (b) Wong Yan Lung encountered frustrations during his study at Cambridge University.
- (i) According to the Eight Sufferings, which kinds of suffering did he encounter? Explain your answer. (3 marks)
- (ii) Wong considered that he has become enriched from the experiences of suffering. Analyse how he enhances himself by the Truth of Cessation of Suffering and the Truth of methods for ending suffering from the Four Noble Truths. (6 marks)
- (c) Bodhisattvas promote themselves by practising "The Six Paramitas". What are Paramitas? How do the actions of Wong Yan Lung manifest the spirit of "The Six Paramitas"? Give two opinions. (8 marks)

6. Answer the following questions according to the Bodhisattva Vehicle.

- (a) (i) What is the meaning of Bodhisattva? What are the characteristics of the vows made by the practitioners of Bodhisattva Vehicle? (6 marks)
- (ii) Which two kinds of Accumulations do the practitioners of Bodhisattva Vehicle need to gather? Why? (6 marks)
- (b) In the following two cases, how can Wai Yi and Mr. Chan use the “Four all-embracing virtues” to help the beings? State two corresponding situations regarding each case and explain your answers. (8 marks)

Case 1: With the encouragement of the school social worker, Wai Yi spares time on every Saturday afternoon to visit the dying patients in hospital. She listens to them, encourages and cares for them with tender words in order to bring them joy and peace and to help them to leave peacefully.

Case 2: Mr. Chan’s children have graduated from university with excellent academic results. His neighbour, Mr. Wong, has always been quarrelled with his wife about their son’s homework since their son Ho Bong began the study at primary school. Recently, the quarrelling and crying of children have lasted until midnight. Mr. Chan was worried about Mr. Wong’s family. Eventually he determined to invite Mr. Wong and his wife to his home and share with them how to get along with his children. He also showed them how to teach Ho Bong to do homework patiently. Moreover, Mr. Chan advised them to consult and seek help from social workers and educational psychologists.



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

1. (a) Explain any TWO of the following themes in the Old Testament. Discuss their relationship with the life and work of Jesus. (8 marks each)
- (i) Passover Lamb
 - (ii) Covenant
 - (iii) Election
- (b) Choose ONE theme from (a) and discuss the significance of this theme to Christians today. (4 marks)
2. (a) Briefly state how Rome ruled the Jews in Palestine by the time of the Roman occupation. Explain with TWO points. (10 marks)
- (b) Point out the characteristics of the following Jewish factions and discuss how these factions responded to the Roman rule. (10 marks)
- (i) Zealots
 - (ii) Essenes
3. (a) What is special about the Kingdom of God preached by Jesus? Illustrate with TWO points. (10 marks)
- (b) Use TWO examples in the New Testament to explain why different people had different responses to the message of Kingdom of God. (10 marks)
4. (a) Give THREE points to illustrate how Peter influenced the Early Church's mission to the Gentiles. (12 marks)
- (b) What are the similarities between the way in which believers of the Early Church faced persecution and the way in which Jesus faced suffering? Give TWO points. (8 marks)
5. (a) Explain Paul's view on salvation. (12 marks)
- (b) Discuss how the new commandment of "Love One Another" enhances the spiritual lives of Christians today. (8 marks)

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