

Buddhism

Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. "[...] the Tathagata (The Buddha) has realized the Middle Way; it gives vision, gives knowledge, and leads to calm, to insight, to enlightenment and to Nibbana."

Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta 56.11

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage.

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- (b) Explain the teachings of the Noble Eightfold Path.

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. "There is no fire like passion,
No grip like hate,
No net like delusion,
No river like craving."

Dhammapada 251

- (a) What is understood by “delusion” in this passage?

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- (b) Explain the connection between the “craving” (tanha) and the Buddhist view of the human condition.

[7 marks]

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. "Life is unpredictable and uncertain in this world. Life here is difficult, short and bound with suffering."

Sutta Nipata 574

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage. [3]

[illegible]

- (b) Explain the human condition according to Buddhism. [6]

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. "All conditioned things are impermanent...
All conditioned things are unsatisfactory...
All things are not self."

Dhammapada 277, 278 and 279

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage.

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- (b) Explain Buddhist beliefs about samsara.

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. "Not to do any evil;
To undertake what is good;
To purify your own mind
This is the teaching of the Buddhas."

Dhammapada 183

- (a) Comment on the meaning of "To purify your own mind". [3]

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- (b) Explain how the Noble Eightfold Path links with this passage. [7]

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. "All beings tremble at violence
All are afraid of death.
Seeing their likeness to yourself
You should neither kill, nor cause others to kill."

Dhammapada 129

- (a) Outline the meaning of "Seeing their likeness to yourself, you should neither kill, nor cause others to kill".

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- (b) Investigate the importance of non-violence within the Buddhist path to Enlightenment.

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2. It is important to understand the First Noble Truth [dukkha] clearly because, as the Buddha says, "he who sees dukkha sees also the arising of dukkha, sees also the cessation of dukkha, and sees also the path leading to the cessation of dukkha." This does not make the life of a Buddhist sorrowful, as some people wrongly imagine. On the contrary, a true Buddhist is happy. He has no fears or anxieties. He is always calm and cannot be upset by changes because he sees things as they are.

What the Buddha Taught, p. 27 (adapted)

- (a) Identify **three** teachings in this passage.

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- (b) Explain ways in which tanha/trishna (craving) can lead to dukkha/dukkha (suffering or unsatisfactoriness).

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. "Those who are freed from desires are well established in the teaching of Gotama [the Buddha] with firm mind. They have attained to that which should be attained, having plunged into immortal Nibbana."

The Sutta-Nipāta
Translated by H Saddhatissa
Curzon Press, 1985

- (a) Outline **three** teachings in this passage about "immortal Nibbana". [3]

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- (b) Explain other goals that a Buddhist might aim for (other than nibbana/nirvana). [6]

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

- Dhammapada 275 (adapted)*

- (a) Explain what the Buddha is teaching his followers in this passage. [3]

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- (b) Analyse how the Noble Eightfold Path can lead a person to make "an end to suffering". [7]

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Study the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

2. “People assailed by craving run around like a hunted hare. Held fast by attachments ... they go to misery again and again for a long time.”

Dhammapada 342

- (a) Outline what is meant by, “they go to misery again and again for a long time”. [3]

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- (b) Analyse the importance of *tanha* (craving) and the eradicating of *tanha* in the Buddhist view of human existence. [7]

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