

Philosophy 33 - Final Study Guide

Hinduism

1. Are there over 1 billion Hindus in the world?
2. Founding process of hinduism
3. Region where hinduism began
4. What are the two branches of the Path of Desire. Which branch comes first? What are the differences between the two branches?
5. What are the two branches of the Path of Renunciation. Which branch comes first? What are the differences between the two branches?
6. What does Hinduism say about those who stop at the Path of Desire?
7. Why is the path of Duty not enough?
8. What is Atman?
9. What is Brahman?
10. How might you characterize the cures for temporal being, knowledge, and joy?
11. Describe the 4 types of yoga. What is the purpose of Yoga?
 - a. Jnana
 - i. Charioteer Metaphor
 - ii. 3rd person perspective
 - b. Bhakta
 - i. How does variety play into Bhakta yoga?
 - ii. What is Japam?
 - c. Karma
 - i. What about low pay and teaching?
 - d. Raj Yoga
 - i. Experimental - how many steps?
 1. What is the point of concentrating on one object?
12. 4 stages of Hindu Life
13. Caste system. Who is at the top of the pyramid? Who is at the bottom?
14. The two identifications of God
 - a. Nirguna
 - b. Saguna
15. What is the process of Karma and Samsara?
16. Many Paths to God

Buddhism

1. What is the full name of the founder of Buddhism?
2. What does Buddha mean?
3. What two fates did Buddha's father foresee?
4. 3 Stages of Buddha's journey to enlightenment
 - a. Student
 - b. Asceticism
 - c. The Bo Tree - Epic Story
 - i. What was the final challenge of Mara?
5. Describe the 4 noble truths

- a. NT 1 - Explain why the first noble truth is not necessarily equivalent with suffering
 - b. NT 2 - What does "Tanha" translate to and why is it relevant?
 - c. NT 3 - What type of logical reasoning leads us to this truth?
6. What must one do before they walk the 8 fold path?
7. Know the 8 markers on the 8 fold path
 - a. Specifically: How is right speech related to truth?
 - b. Specifically: Why is the right effort so important?
 - c. Specifically: What are some practical reasons for why mindfulness and concentration are important?
8. What is the end goal of the 8 fold path?
9. What is the difference between Theravada (Originalists) and Mahayana Buddhism? How do they envision enlightenment?
 - a. Little Raft/Big Raft
 - b. Are there Souls in Theravada Buddhism?
 - c. How does reincarnation work in Theravada Buddhism?
 - d. Arhat vs Bodhisattva - The wall story
 - e. Who was Buddha?
10. How did Buddha respond to the 6 pillars?
11. What is Zen?

Confucianism Review

1. According to many, Confucius lived around the time of the Buddha (T/F)
2. Confucius came from a single-parent home and was drawn to his studies (T/F)
3. Confucius had a great career in politics as an advisor to many rulers (T/F)
4. Which word best describes China during Confucius' time?
 - Social Harmony
 - Chaos
5. Confucius' teaching method was _____, which means engaging in dialogue and asking questions in order to arrive at truth.
6. Smith says tradition and norms hold societies together. What are the 2 powers of tradition?
7. With the rise of individualism, what was China's most important question during Confucius' time?
8. According to Smith, what 2 things does America offer as a replacement for immigrants' home culture?
9. Match the views with the right response to China's problems (Realists, Mohism, Confucianism)
 - People are naturally greedy and need specific rules:
 - All we need is love:
 - People are naturally good, but need to learn proper behavior:
10. According to Confucius, rules are enough to inspire the people (T/F)
11. Translate the 5 key concepts of Confucianism:
 - Jen:
 - Chun tzu:
 - Li:

Te:

Wen:

12. According to Confucius, a person who doesn't appreciate art is only:
13. The "Mandate of Heaven" says the people can revolt whenever they want (T/F)
14. The "Right to Revolution" means the ruler has a right to loyalty as long as he/she works for the peoples' interest (T/F)
15. What are the 5 constant relationships?
16. In the 5 constant relationships, the higher position has no responsibilities (Respect is always given, never earned) (T/F)
17. The "Doctrine of the Mean" is similar to Buddha's "middle way" (T/F)
18. Which part of "Li" means we must know what words mean and the words must mean the right things?
 - a) 5 Constant Relationships
 - b) Rectification of Names
 - c) Ruler-Subject
 - d) Wen

Taoism Review

1. Lao Tzu lived around the time of Confucius and the Buddha (T/F)
2. What is the name of the foundational text of Taoism?
3. What are the 3 kinds of Taoism?
 - PT:
 - VT:
 - RT:
4. Philosophical Taoism says we can expand Chi and Vitalizing Taoism says we should conserve Chi (T/F)
5. What are the literal translations of the following terms (Breath, Inaction, The Way):
 - Tao (Dao):
 - Wu Wei:
 - Chi:
6. What are the 3 ways we can maximize Chi through manipulation, according to VT?
7. How does VT say we can spread Chi to others?
8. Taoist mystery, speculation and ritual were institutionalized into a religion (T/F)
9. There is a boulder in our path. What would each religion recommend as a solution?
 - Confucianism:
 - Taoism:
10. Yin/Yang refers to right and wrong (T/F)
11. Yin/Yang are complementary and require each other to be recognized (T/F)
12. Taoism says we should make new paths and learn new patterns. (T/F)

Islam

1. Who is Abraham? What is the story of Abraham?
2. Who is Hagar?
3. Who is the main Prophet of Islam?
4. What do Muslims believe regarding the Messiah?
5. Was Islam always a monotheistic religion?
6. What are some reasons that Mecca rejected Muhammad and his followers?
7. Who was Khadija?
8. What are the five pillars of Islam?
9. What was Arabia like during Muhammad's time?
10. Why did Muhammad travel to Medina?
11. What was life like for Muhammad when he was young?
12. How might you describe the nation of Islam during the middle ages?
13. What important texts wouldn't we have without Islam?
14. What is the history and nature of the Koran? Can it be truly read in any language?
15. What is Islam's stance on inheritance?
16. What is Islam's stance on financial loans?
17. What is Islam's stance on a woman's rights in marriage?
18. The Koran states that Muslims should take what stance when it comes to race relations?
19. What is Jihad?
20. What is a Caliph?
21. What are the two main differences between Sunni and Shia Muslims?
 - a. Difference between who should be Caliph
 - b. Difference between Caliph's role
22. What is Sufism?

Judaism

1. Why are there only 6 million followers of Judaism?
2. What is the Holy Book of Judaism?
3. Do Jews believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
4. What is the History of present day Israel?
5. Judah Maccabee wrestled Jerusalem from the control of which empire?
6. Which empire wrestled Jerusalem from Judah?
7. What is Original Sin?
8. What are the three main strands of Judaism?
9. Who were the Pharisees?

Christianity

1. Who was John the Baptist?
2. Who did the Romans enlist the help of in order to get Jesus "under control"?
3. Explain the "Good News" which was spread after the death of Jesus
4. What happened approximately 300 years after the death of Jesus?
5. Who was Constantine?
6. What are the 4 legitimate Gospels?
7. Who is the head of the Roman Catholic Church?
8. Who was the first Bishop and Pope of the Catholic Church?

9. Did the original Catholic Church believe there was salvation without the church?
10. What is the "schism"?
11. Who was Martin Luther and what specific event made him upset?
12. What did Martin Luther say about Catholic saints?
13. Who was St. Anselm and what is he famous for writing?
14. According to Anselm, what are the two different powers of the will?
 - a. Which power of the will is supposed to be in charge?
15. Why does Anselm believe that God gave humans free will as opposed to forcing us to always do the right thing?
16. According to Anselm, what is the reason that Lucifer fell?
 - a. Why did God praise Michael?