

PART II

DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTION

This question is based on the accompanying documents. This question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. Some of these documents have been edited for the purposes of this question. As you analyze the documents, take into account both the source of each document and any point of view that may be presented in the document.

Historical Context:

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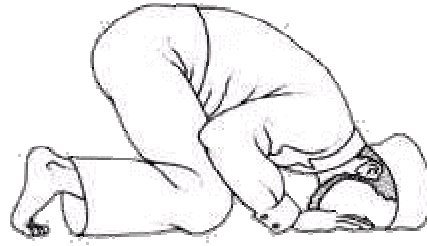
Task: Using information from the documents and your knowledge of global history, answer the questions that follow each document in Part A. Your answers to the questions will help you write the Part B essay in which you will be asked to:

- Define religion/belief systems
- Describe the major beliefs of four religions/belief systems

NOTE: The rubric (tool used to evaluate a student's work) for this essay appears on the next page

**BRAINSTORM
RELIGION**

DOCUMENT 1



The Prostration Position (Sujood):

From the standing position you go down on your knees, then place your forehead on the floor about 1-2 feet in front of your knees.

- <http://www.submission.org/salat-how.html>

1. How is a Muslim suppose to pray? [2]

DOCUMENT 2

The Five Times Are Specified in the Quran

- (1) The Dawn Prayer is mentioned by name in 24:58. Before sunrise.
- (2) The Noon Prayer is specified in 17:78. When the sun declines.
- (3) The Afternoon Prayer is in 2:238. Midway between noon & sunset.
- (4) The Sunset Prayer is mentioned in 11:114. Immediately after sunset.
- (5) The Night Prayer is in 11:114, and is mentioned by name in 24:58.

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- 2a. When is a Muslim suppose to pray during a typical day? [2]

- 2b. In what sacred text does a Muslim receive instruction on when to pray? [1]

DOCUMENT 3

Look to this day, for it is Life.
For Yesterday is already a Dream,
and Tomorrow is only a Vision.
But, Today,
Well lived, makes every Yesterday
a Dream of Happiness,
and every Tomorrow,
a Vision of Hope.

- A famous Sanskrit poem

3. What is the importance of a well-lived today according to this poem? [2]

DOCUMENT 4

The 4 varnas of the caste system

1- The "Brahmins": The priestly class, born from the mouth of Brahman.

2- The "Kshatriyas": Warriors and rulers, senators, presidents, majors, born from the chest of Brahman.

3- The "Vaisyas": Farmers, merchants, lawyers, doctors.

4- The "Sudras": Unskilled workers. Born from the feet of Brahman..

5- Other sub-castes: Then, they have been reported up to 3,000 sub-castes, with the "Untouchables" at the bottom.

- <http://www.religion-cults.com/Eastern/Hinduism/hindu7.html>

4. Who makes up the Kshatriyas varna? [1]

DOCUMENT 5

Let him therefore always slowly accumulate spiritual merit (achievement) in order that it may be his companion after death; for without merit as his companion he will traverse (travel) a gloom (bad path) difficult to traverse.

- Law of Manu 4.241-243

5. What will happen to a follower of Hinduism if he/she does not build up spiritual merit? [1]

DOCUMENT 6

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work –you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal

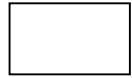
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Exodus: 20:1-17

6a. What chapter from the Bible is this document taken from? [1]

6b. How does the Lord view the worship of other Gods? [1]

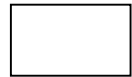


DOCUMENT 7

And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants, after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also, I give to you and your descendants the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

- Genesis 15:18-21

7. What did God give to Abraham and his descendants? [2]



DOCUMENT 8

1
Seeing the crowds, he (Jesus) went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him.
2
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
3
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
8
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11
"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12

8. What happens to those Christians who are merciful? [1]

DOCUMENT 9

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Yourself,
what
[you]
don't
want,
don't
do
to
others.

Analects 15:23

9a. What sacred text is this taken from? [1]

9b. How is one suppose to treat others according to the verse? [2]

DOCUMENT 10

What are the things which men consider right? Kindness on the part of the father and filial duty on that of the son; gentleness on the part of the elder brother, and obedience on the part of the younger; righteousness on the part of the husband, and submission on that of the wife....

- Book of Analects

10. How is a son suppose to treat his father? [1]

DOCUMENT 11

He who has no thought of “I” and “mine” whatever toward his mind and body, he who grieves not for which he has not, he is, indeed, called a bhikkhu (enlightened man).

- Dhammapada 152

11. What does it take to become a bhikkhu? [2]

PART B

Essay

Directions:

- Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction with a thesis, several paragraphs, and a conclusion
- Use evidence from at least 6 documents to support your response
- Include additional related information

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