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**Ancient India DBQ**

**Theme:** Ancient Indian religions.

**Directions:** The following tasks are based on the accompanying documents (1-4). The documents may have been edited for the purpose of this exercise. The task is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. As you analyze the documents, take into account both the source of the document and the author’s point of view.

**Historical Context**: When Ancient India was developing there were two main religions that the people of this civilization practiced. These two religions are Hinduism and Buddhism. Each one became a prominent part of the Indian culture and had a great influence on the people of this country.

**Part A- Short Answer**

The following documents show how Hinduism and Buddhism have influenced India. Examine each document carefully, and then answer the question(s) which follow.

**Part B- Essay**

**Task:** Which religion, Hinduism or Buddhism, has had a greater influence on the culture and people of Ancient India?

1. ***You must use at least 2 documents.***
2. You must bring in outside information.
3. You must prove how the religion you are choosing has affected the Indian civilization.

*Part A:*

**Document #1**



1. Why are the Brahmins at the top of the caste system?

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2. Why are the untouchables not attached to the social pyramid?

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3. Which religion is the caste system from?

1. Buddhism C. Hinduism
2. Judaism D. Christianity

**Document #2**:

***Hindu Beliefs Chart***

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| Dharma: the rules everyone must followKarma: cause and effect of one's actionsReincarnation: the rebirth of a person's soul after death into a higher or lower caste |

1. How does dharma and karma affect someone’s reincarnation?

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**Document #3:**

***4 Noble Truths***

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| **1** | Suffering and unhappiness are a part of human life. No one can escape sorrow. |
| **2** | Suffering comes from our desires for pleasure and material goods. People cause their own misery because they want things they cannot have. |
| **3** | People can overcome desire and ignorance and reach **nirvana** *(a state of perfect peace)*. Reaching nirvana frees the soul from suffering and from the need for further reincarnation. |
| **4** | People can overcome ignorance and desire by following an eight fold path that leads to wisdom, enlightenment, and salvation. |

1. How does someone reach nirvana? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What religion promotes the Four Noble Truths?

1. Hinduism B. Judaism C. Buddhism D. Christianity

Document #4:



1. When following The Eightfold Path what are you trying to achieve?

1. Nirvana B. peace C. god D. enlightenment

2. How are documents 3 and 4 similar?

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**Part B- Essay**

**Task:** Which religion, Hinduism or Buddhism, has influenced Ancient India more?

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3. You must prove how the religion you chose influenced India but citing specific examples from the documents as well as outside information.

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| **Area** | **Description** | **Points worth** | **Total** **Points** | **Points Given** |
| Documents | Answer the questions to documents 1-4 correctly | 2 points each | 16 points total |  |
| Annotations/Notes | Notes around document reflect thought and analysis. | 1 Point each document | 4 points total |  |
| Introduction/Conclusion | Having a clear introduction and conclusion in essay | 2 points introduction2 points conclusion | 4 points total |  |
| Topic Sentences | Topic sentence clearly introduces each paragraph  | 2 points for topic sentence of body paragraph | 5 points total |  |
| Grammar | Correct use of grammar | 2 points | 5 points total |  |
| Organization | There is a clear sense of organization throughout the essay | 5 points | 5 points total |  |
| Task | Essay addresses the task | 16 points  | 16 points total |  |
| Documents | Cites 2 documents | 10 points each | 20 points total |  |
| Analysis | Analyzes 2 documents | 10 points each  | 20 points total |  |
| Outside Information | Brings in outside information as evidence. | 5 points total | 5 points total |  |

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