

CLASSICAL STUDIES GLO3005Y1

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

ACHIEVEMENT STANDARD 90826 (VERSION 3) RELIGIOUS STUDIES 3.3

Analyse the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue

Level 3, Internal

6 credits

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

In this activity you are going to:

- Research and analyse the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue.
- Find material from the primary and secondary sources to explain the ethical issue you have chosen. If applicable, you will then explain the context, explain the importance of the ethical issue you have chosen.
- Analyse the material and explain the similarities and the differences over time in terms of the ethical issue.
- Submit your findings as an essay.

As part of this analysis you will explain any patterns. Your conclusion will address the wider implications arising from the analysis and also include identifying cultural expectations and codes of behaviour required in this question. (Secondary sources may be useful here.)

You will be expected to show discernment regarding limitations of sources of evidence. This includes both primary and secondary sources.

Conditions:

- All work should be your own.
- This is an open book assessment.
- You must produce a bibliography of materials you have used for authentication purposes.

You will need:

- A range of primary and secondary source materials to support your answer.

Supervisor requirements:

You and the supervisor must sign the cover sheet at the back of the assessment to verify that the work is your own.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Analyse the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue.	Analyse in depth the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue.	Analyse, with perception, the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue.

Explanatory notes

1. *Analyse the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue* involves:

- considering in detail a contemporary ethical issue, and breaking it down into components or essential features
- considering in detail the response of the religious tradition to the issue, and breaking it down into components or essential features
- drawing conclusions about the response of the religious tradition to the issue, supported by evidence.

Analyse in depth the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue involves:

- discussing the ethical principles of the religious tradition that influenced the response
- drawing conclusions supported by a range of evidence.

Analyse, with perception, the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue involves:

- critically evaluating the response of a religious tradition to a contemporary ethical issue
- drawing conclusions that address the wider implications arising from the analysis.

2. *Religious tradition* means a world religion, or a division of a world religion, or an indigenous religion.
3. A world religion is a religious belief system that is generally recognised as having independent status from any other religion. Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism are examples of world religions.
4. Wider implications may be social, historical, geographical, political, or personal.
5. Evidence, where it relates specifically to beliefs or principles of a religious tradition, is obtained from authoritative sources within the religious tradition.
6. *Ethical principles of the religious tradition* refer to codes of behaviour considered to be normative.

7. Sources of key ethical principles within a religious tradition include:
- Buddhism: the Five Precepts, the Vinaya
 - Islam: the Qur'an, the Hadith
 - Judaism: the Torah, the Talmud
 - Hinduism: the Four Varnas, Ashramas
 - Christianity: the Bible, creedal statements, Conciliar statements.
8. *Response of a religious tradition* is consistent with works by scholars that are generally recognised as conforming to international standards of scholarship within the religious tradition.
9. A *contemporary ethical issue* means a significant issue currently being debated in Aotearoa New Zealand about which there are a variety of viewpoints.
- The following are examples of a contemporary ethical issue: medical issues e.g. genetic engineering, stem cell research, euthanasia
- social issues e.g. youth issues, drugs and alcohol
 - environmental issues e.g. pollution, sustainability
 - economic issues e.g. poverty.

If you would like to research another ethical issue, that is not on this list, contact your teacher and discuss the prospective issue.

ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

CLASICAL STUDIES

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the questions carefully.
- Assemble all the materials and tools required.
- Consult your teacher regarding the topic you would like to use.
- Ask your teacher for an exemplar to check layout etc.

TASK 1 – RESEARCH

Identify the ethical issue you are going to research.

Find primary source evidence to explain the ethical issue and the response of the religious tradition to it.

Ethical issue – readings

Response of the religious tradition to this ethical issue.

TASK 2 – ANALYSIS

Explain the key ideas within the response by religious tradition to the ethical issue and set it in its context.

Explain any:

- wider implications that have occurred within the issue you have chosen
- patterns that you have found in this issue
- limitations of evidence that you have found.

You can use both primary and secondary sources in your analysis.

Length (as a guideline only) **write approximately 2–3 pages** on this section of work.

TASK 3 – CONCLUSIONS

In your conclusion you must write about the wider implications of the theme. Within your conclusion you must identify the social, historical, geographical, political, or personal implications of the analysis.

Write two or more developed conclusions about the response of the religious tradition to the ethical issue you have chosen. Within your conclusion if it is relevant, you must identify cultural expectations and codes of behavior required in response to the issue.

A developed conclusion includes a summary of the key ideas found in the material. This conclusion is supported by material found in both the primary and secondary sources.

You need to show understanding of the limitations of sources of evidence.

A bibliography of sources/websites used is required.

Length (as a guideline only) **write approximately 2–3 pages** on this section of work.

ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK

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Fill in your name and ID number. Your teacher will complete the rest.

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

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JUDGEMENT CRITERIA

- Excellence** Candidate must meet requirements for merit level and meet excellence in all tasks.
- Merit** Candidate must meet requirements for achieved and gain merit in all tasks.
- Achieved** Candidate must achieve all tasks at achieved level or higher.
- Not Achieved** Candidate attempted the assessment and did not meet the standard.
- Not Attempted** Candidate did not attempt any of the tasks.

GRADE ALLOCATION

Not Attempted	
Not Achieved (N)	
Achieved (A)	
Merit (M)	
Excellence (E)	

Resubmission (If appropriate, please indicate.)	Yes /No
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Further assessment opportunity	
Is not available	
Is available, please contact your teacher	
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