

Exam EAST1000 fall 2025

Information

This exam consists of three parts. You must respond to all three parts.

Each part counts for one third of the final grade.

The examination text is given in English. You may submit your response in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish or English.

What you write will be stored automatically every 15 seconds. You may, at any time, switch back and forth between exam modules to check what you have done in each; however, the modules are numbered, and you must do each module as a separate unit. After starting the exam, you will see your remaining time in the upper left corner.

No examination support materials are permitted.

Break a leg!

Question 1

Explain what kind of living is envisioned for monastic and lay followers by Buddhist teachings. What are the main rules which they must refer to? Explain the meaning of the term “Bodhisattva” (菩薩) in the context of Mahāyāna (大乘) Buddhism.

Question 2

Explain the meaning of the term “Maoism.” What are the similarities and differences between Maoism and, for example, more orthodox Leninism? Can we say that Maoism is relevant for People’s Republic of China today?

Question 3

Describe the historical process through which Shinto (神道) took the shape in which we currently know it. What was the role played by the religious policies of Meiji (明治, 1868-1912) government in the formation of modern Shinto?