

## Anchor Level 4-A

### The response:

- Develops all aspects of the task for Islam more thoroughly than for Buddhism
- Is both descriptive and analytical (*Islam*: Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan because they believed spiritual needs were more important than physical needs; during the time the Ottoman Empire expanded, one key region of expansion was the Balkan Peninsula where the janissaries demonstrated the power of the Ottomans; Christian people of conquered lands did not need to convert but could pay a special tax so they could practice their own religion; Ottomans promoted stability by blending Islamic influences and those of the many cultures under their rule; a symbol of the effect of the spread of Islam is conversion of the Eastern Orthodox cathedral of Hagia Sophia to a mosque; decorative art influenced by Islam featured geometric design, not human forms, leading to removal of Christian icons; *Buddhism*: one who desires suffers, therefore the Eightfold Path was devised to help one fight desire and reach nirvana, a state of enlightenment; came to China during the Han dynasty but did not reach its height until later; impact of merchants and missionaries was cultural diffusion; temples cared for by Buddhist monks were a sign of the adaptation of this foreign culture)
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (*Islam*: Five Pillars: faith, prayer, alms, pilgrimage and fasting; Muslims believe there is one god, Allah, and that his messenger was Mohammad; Constantinople; *Buddhism*: offshoot of Hinduism; founded by Siddhartha Gautama; Four Noble Truths; spread through trade; Silk Road; caravans to China carried Buddhist texts and statues; thousands of temples and pagodas constructed)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes a brief introduction and a conclusion that is beyond a restatement of the theme

**Conclusion:** The response fits the criteria for Level 4. The development of Islam and its influence on the Ottoman Empire is strong and contains many details. However, the section on Buddhism is less developed, especially in discussing how the belief spread and its impact on China.