Indian Philosophy

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Self Assessment Questions & Possible Answers

1. Name the noble eight-fold path mentioned in Buddhism.
   Ans.: The eight-fold path is:
   a) Samyag druti (vision)
   b) Samyag samkalpa (determination)
   c) Samyag vak (speech)
   d) Samyag karmanta (action)
   e) Samyag ajiva (livelihood)
   f) Samyag vyayama (effort)
   g) Samyag smruti (memory)
   h) Samyag samadhi (concentration)

2. What do Buddhists mean by ‘samyag druti’?
   Ans.: On the account of Buddhists, proper understanding or grasping of the four noble truths is known as right vision. For example, the relation between the world and the self, comprehending the real nature of objects are said to be the right vision.

3. Briefly explain the concept ‘samyag ajiva’.
   Ans.: It means earning one’s bread and butter by right means. Without it right activities cannot be practiced. One should not indulge with trading the weapons, meat, animals, wine, etc.

4. Briefly explain the concept ‘pancha-sila-chitta’.
   Ans.: The eight-fold path is also named as ‘panchasilachitta’. It is divided in three parts; prajña (knowledge), sila (conduct), citta (concentration). Prajña stands for destruction of sensual pleasure and ignorant tendencies. Sila expresses about the right knowledge, and Citta conveys about awakens of undistributed concentration.