



YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2556 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2012

Grade - Diploma
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 17 June - 2012
Time : 3 hours

Answer five questions only

1. Explain any one of the four foundations of mindfulness (cattaro satipatthana) forming the content of Maha Satipatthana sutta.
2. Give a summary of the 'Cula kammavibhanga sutta' with reference to the aspects of the Doctrine of Kamma dealt with therein.
3. Explain the doctrine contained in the following Dhammapada stanza:
276 Tumhehi kiccam atappam
Akkhataro tathagatha
Patipanna Patimokkhanti
Jhayino marabandhana
4. What are the seven Stages of Purity (satta visuddhi) on the Path to Nibbana? Enumerate and explain.
5. Evaluate the role of the Buddha as a Supreme Teacher.
6. Indicate the Main differences between the Theravada and Mahayana doctrines.
7. Summarise the advice of the Buddha to lay Householders regarding the means of earning wealth and the manner of using wealth.
8. Write short notes on any four of the following.
 - (i) Tranquility Meditation (samatha bhavana)
 - (ii) Vicikiccha (sceptic doubt)
 - (iii) Akiriyavada
 - (iv) Sopadisesa Nibbana
 - (v) The Arahant
 - (vi) Anapana Sati (Mindfulness on Breathing)
9. Explain the first step of the Law of Dependent Origination (Paticca samuppada) which reads as " Dependent on Ignorance arise kammic formations (Avijja paccaya sankhara).
10. Explain how Ajiva parisuddha sila (Morality consisting in purity of livelihood) may be practised by (a) the Bikkhu and (b) the lay devotee.

(20 marks for each answer)