



COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

2559 Dhamma Examination 2015

Grade : Diploma  
Subject : Dhamma

Date : 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Time : 3 hours

**Answer any FIVE questions only**

(20 marks for each answer)

1. Explain any one of the four foundations of mindfulness (cattaro satipatthana) forming the content of Maha Satipatthana Sutta.
2. Enumerate the Five aspects of Kamma mentioned by the Buddha in reply to Subha in the Cuallakamma Vibhanga Sutta.
3. Explain the doctrine contained in the following Dhammapada atanza :  

216. Tanhaya jayati soko  
Tanhaya jayati bhayam  
Tanhaya vippamuttassa  
Natthi soko kuto bhayam
4. What are the seven stages of Purity (satta visuddhi) on the Path to Nibbana?  
Enumerate and explain the "Four kinds of Morality consisting of Purification (catuparisuddha sila)
5. Write a short Essay on "The Uniqueness of the Buddha and His teachings"
6. Discuss how Buddha sought to elevate the position of women in contemporary society.
7. Summarise the advice of the Buddha to lay House holders regarding the means of earning wealth and the manner of using wealth.
8. Identify the main differences between the Theravada and Mahayana doctrines of Buddhism.
9. Discuss the main differences between Tranquillity meditation (samatha bhavana) and Insight meditation (Vipassana bhavana)
10. Discuss the Importance of Vinaya (Monastic Discipline) as a factor that promotes the strength and long duration of the Buddha Sasana (dispensation)
11. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following :
  - (a) Panca niyama dhamma (Five - fold law of Nature)
  - (b) Samma sankappa (Right intention)
  - (c) Cemetery contemplation (Nava Sivatika)
  - (d) Sotapanina (The stream Enterer)
  - (e) Sabbannuta nana (Omniscience)
  - (f) Attakilamathanuyoga (Self - mortification)

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