

**YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION**

**COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**

**2548, Dhama Examination - 2004**

GRADE : Senior  
SUBJECT : Dhamma

DATE : 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2004  
TIME : 2-hours

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**Answer any five questions**

01. Refer to context the following (by whom - to whom and when ? )
  - a. "Well, then, sit down here please. You would be able to see your son"
  - b. "Venerable Sir, I release the Exalted One from the promise He made when he guaranteed that I should win celestial nymphs. (Divine maidens)
02. Describe briefly the conversion of Alawaka, the demon.
03. Does every thing operating in the physical and mental realms depend on Kamma ? Explain.
04. Illustrate the value of Sigalovada Sutta as an admonition on the laity.
05. What are Samyojanas - fetters ? When are they eliminated ? give the stages.
06. Write short notes on any five of the following.

(a) Rahula	(b) Angulimala	(c) Ambapali
(d) Nivarana	(e) Samatha Bhavana	(f) Anantariya Kamma
07. Complete the stanza '*Duran gaman*' ..... and Give its meaning.

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COLOMBO, SRI LANKA.

2549, Dhamma Examination 2005

Grade : Senior Part I (Senior)

Date : 26.06.2005

Subject : Dhamma

Time : 2 hours

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(Answer question 1 and any four others)

01. Refer to context the following sayings : (by whom to whom and when ?)

- (a) "Do not go forth. In seven days you will be a Universal Monarch to rule the continents. Turn back and accept it."
- (b) "I have neither a teacher no an equal to me in the world."
- (c) "Which is better seeking one's self or a woman ?"
- (d) "O, king, I am not disgracing your family. This is the tradition of our lineage."
- (e) "The conduct of my son is very pleasant today. I noticed it even as he was coming with you."

02. How is Kamma classified with reference to the time of operation ? Describe naming the different classes.

03. What are Hindrances (*Nivarana*) ? How are they eradicated ? Explain briefly

04. Name and explain ten conditions that would lead to the downfall of a person.

05. Describe the services rendered by either king Bimbisara of Anathapindika for the development of the Buddha sasana.

06. Complete the stanza, '*udakanhi nayanti nettika etc.*' and write its meaning.

07. Write short notes on any three of the following :-

- (a) Fetters (*Samyojana*)
- (b) *Samathabhavana*
- (c) *Devadatta*
- (d) *Sigalovada Sutta*

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COLOMBO, SRI LANKA  
2550 DHAMMA EXAMINATION 2006**

GRADE - Senior - I (Senior)  
SUBJECT - Dhamma

DATE : 25th June 2006  
TIME : 2 hours

**Answer any FIVE questions**

**(20 marks for each question)**

01. Write an account of the Establishment of the Bhikkhuni Order
02. Illustrate Buddha's great concern and compassion for helpless and distressed persons by reference to relevant incidents.
03. Buddha's admonitions on social ethics were aimed at promoting harmony in society. Show how this objective is achieved by the teachings in Sigalovada Sutta.
04. Explain what is meant by 'Tranquillity Meditation' (**Samatha bhavana**)  
Enumerate the ten objects in any group of ten out the Forty Objects of Meditation.
05. Explain the Group of Four Kamma according to the Time of Operation.
06. What were the five lifelong practices for monks suggested to the Buddha by Devadatta? Why did Buddha refuse to make them compulsory?
07. Give the meaning of ONE of the following Dhammapada Stanzas and explain the moral contained in the stanza

62 "Putta matthi dhanam matthi  
iti balo vihannati  
atta hi attano natthi  
kuto putta kuto dhanam

**OR** 129 Sabbe tasanti dandassa  
sabbe bhayanti maccuno  
attanam upamam katva  
na haneyya naghataye

08. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following:

**(5 marks for each section)**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Nigantha Nata putta | (b) Bimbisara            |
| (c) Anantariya Kamma    | (d) Anapanasati          |
| (e) Vicikiccha          | (e) Maha Pajapati Gotami |

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**2551 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2007**

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Grade - Senior Part I (Senior)

Date : 24th June 2007

Subject - Dhamma

Time : 2 hours

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**Answer any FIVE questions**

1. Describe the Daily Routine of the Buddha
2. Explain the factors that led to the decline of the moral conduct of the Bhikkhus before the promulgation of the Vinaya rules.
3. "Buddha considered that disharmony in society was caused by the failure of individuals to perform their duties." Explain this statement by reference to Sigalovada Sutta.
4. Enumerate the seven factors of Welfare preached by the Buddha to the people of the Vajjian state as guidelines for their progress and strength.
5. Explain the classification of Kamma as,  
(a) Garuka kamma (b) Asanna kamma (c) Acinna kamma and (d) Katatta kamma.
6. Why did Buddha prescribe the Rain Retreat (Vassavasa) for Bhikkhus and Bhikkhunis ?
7. Explain the terms (a) Utthana sampada (b) Arakkha sampada (c) Kalyana mittata and (d) Samajivikata by reference to Vyagghapajja sutta.
8. Write short notes on four of the following  
(a) Akiriyavada (b) Ahosi kamma (c) Devadatta (d) Kathina Civara  
(e) Dhammapada (f) Five Natural laws (panca niyama dhamma)

(20 marks for each answer)





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2552 DHAMMA EXAMINATION -2008**

Grade : Senior Part I (Senior)

Date : 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2008

Subject : Dhamma

Time : 2 hours

**\* Answer any five questions**

1. State the five propositions put forward by Devadatta to the Buddha regarding the monastic life of the Bhikkhus.  
Why did the Buddha reject them ?
2. State the eight conditions subject to which Ananda Thera accepted appointment as the Chief Attendant of the Buddha.
3. State five factors of downfall mentioned by the Buddha in the Parabhava Sutta.
4. Explain the four -fold classification of kamma according to the time of operation of vipaka (result)-  
(in which birth etc.)
5. State the duties attaching to each party towards the other in the case of **either**
  - (i) Children and parents or
  - (ii) Pupils and teachers mentioned by the Buddha in the Sigalovada Sutta.
6. Explain the five Hindrances ( panca Nivarana )
7. Narrate two attempts made by Devadatta to harm the Buddha.
8. Write short notes (3 - sentences ) on any three of the following.
  - (i) Nigantha Nathaputta
  - (ii) Kathina civara ( Rain retreat robe )
  - (iii) KalyanaMittata ( association with virtuous friends)
  - (iv) Vinaya sikkhapada ( Rules of discipline for monks )
  - (v) Brahma Vihara ( Divine abidings )

( 20 Marks for each answer )



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2553 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2009**

**Grade - Senior - Part I (Senior)  
Subject - Dhamma**

**Date : 28th June 2009  
Time : 2 hours**

**Answer any FIVE questions.**

- ✓ 1. Give an outline of the Daily Routine of the Buddha.
2. Explain the factors that led to the decline of the moral conduct of the Bhikkhus before the promulgation of the Vinaya Rules.
- ✓ 3. Explain the Seven Factors of Welfare (Satta aparihaniya dhamma) that were observed by the Vajjians on the advice of the Buddha.
4. Enumerate the reciprocal obligations of the Master and Servant exhorted by the Buddha in the Sigalovada Sutta.
5. Explain the terms "Puthujjana", "Sekha" and "Asekha"
6. Explain in brief the 'Five Laws of Nature' (Panca Niyama Dhamma) *5 Vinaya, 5 Vinaya, 5 Vinaya*
7. What were the five modes of conduct that Thera Devadatta proposed to the Buddha to be made compulsory for all Bhikkhus? Why did the Buddha reject them?
8. Explain the Vinaya Practice of the 'Rain Retreat' (Vassavasa) of the Bhikkhus.
9. Examine the factors that contributed to the fast spread of the Teaching of the Buddha during the lifetime of the Buddha.

(20 marks for each answer)