

**YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
2550 DHAMMA EXAMINATION 2006**

GRADE - Senior Part - II (Higher)
SUBJECT - Dhamma

DATE : 25th June 2006
TIME : 3 hours

Answer any FIVE questions

(20 marks for each question)

01. "Dhamma cakkappavattana Sutta embodies the essence of Buddha's Teaching".
Discuss this statement with reference to the contents of the Sutta.
02. Enumerate the 'Thirty seven Factors of Enlightenment' (Bodhi pakkhiya dhamma)
under the seven different headings and explain
either (i) Four Applications of Attentiveness (satipatthana)
or (ii) Noble Eight-fold path (ariya atthangika magga)
03. Give the meaning of ONE of the following Dhammapada stanzas and explain the doctrine contained in the stanza.
8 I Selo yatha ekaghano - vatena na samirati
Evan nindapasamsasu - na saminjanti pandita
- OR
127 Na antalikkhe na samuddamajje
na pabbatanam vivaram pavissa
na vijjati so jagatippadeso
yatthatthito muncceyya papakamma
04. Who is a "Stream Winner" (sotapanna)? Outline the Fetters (Samyojana) a "Stream Winner" destroys. Give the special virtues and merits of a Stream Winner.
05. "Buddha was a Great Teacher and a Tireless Missionary" Explain this statement by reference to real situations and show how the wisdom and abilities of the Buddha contributed to the fast spread of His Teaching.
06. Briefly introduce the 'Four Sublime States' (Brahma Vihara) and show they help to achieve social harmony and peace within oneself.
07. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following. (5 marks for each section)
(a) Anicca (Impermanence)
(b) Attakilamathanuyoga (Self- mortification)
(c) Ditthadhammavedaniya kamma
(d) Vicikicca
(e) Sopadisesa nibbana
(f) Kalama Sutta
08. Illustrate Buddha's quality of 'Great Compassion' (Maha Karuna) quoting incidents



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2551 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2007

Grade - Senior Part II (Higher)
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 24 th June 2007
Time : 3 hours

Answer any FIVE questions.

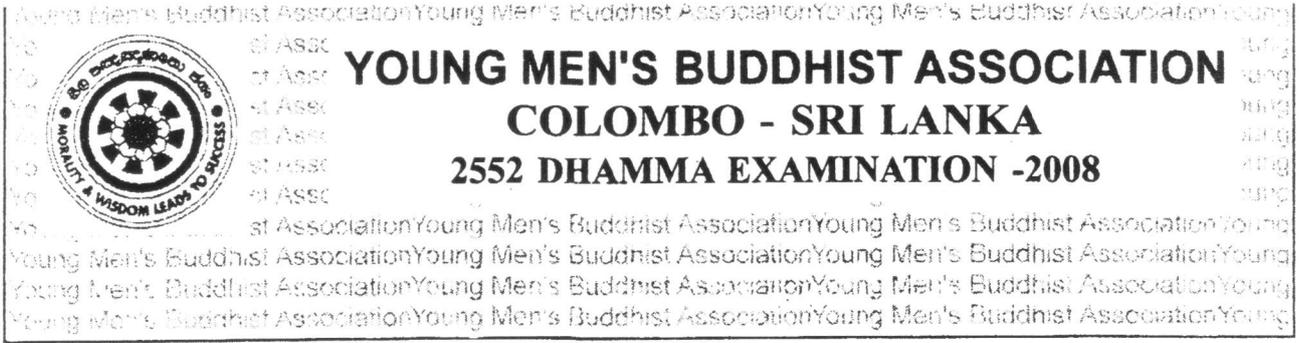
- / 1. Give the classification of the Thirty Seven Factors of Enlightenment (Bodhipakkhiya dhamma) according to the seven groups and explain the factors of ONE of the groups.
- / 2. Summarise the main teachings of the Dhamma Cakkappavattana Sutta.
3. "Buddha can be considered to be the most energetic and successful religious teacher that ever lived on earth." Discuss this statement with reference to special abilities and teaching methods of the Buddha.
4. Explain how Buddha sought to eradicate harmful and undesirable social Practices of the day (caste system, discrimination of women, animal sacrifice, etc).
- / 5. What are the 'Four Sublime States' (Brahma Vihara) ? Explain any one of them.
- / 6. Briefly explain the concepts' Three Signata' (Tilakkhana).
7. Explain the following stanza from Dhammapada and discuss the importance of the moral contained there in

Udakam hi nayanti nettika
usukara namayanti te janam
darum namayanti tacchaka
attanam damayanti subbata

- / 8. Write short notes on FOUR of the following :
 - (a) / Sotapanna (Stream Winner)
 - (b) / Middle Path
 - (c) / Right Livelihood (Samma ajiva)
 - (d) Col H. S. Olcott
 - (e) Ahosi kamma (ineffective kamma)
 - (f) / Vicikiccha (Sceptical doubt)

(20 marks for each answer)





GRADE : Senior Part -II (Higher)

DATE : 29th June 2008

SUBJECT : Dhamma

TIME : 3 hours

*** Answer any Five questions**

1. Stanzas No. 9 and 10 of the Ratana Sutta mention the Spiritual qualities of "Those who comprehend clearly the four Noble Truths - Sotapannas" Indicate these spiritual qualities.
2. Explain the factors included in any group out of the seven groups of factors comprising the Thirty seven Constituents of Enlightenment (Bodhipakkhiya Dhamma)
3. What is the moral contained in the Dhammapada stanza ;

81. Selo yatha ekaghano
vatena na samirati
evan nindapasansasu
na saminjanti pandita
4. Explain the Buddhist doctrine of Three Signata (Tilakkhana)
5. Indicate how Buddha sought to improve the status of women in society.
6. "Dhammacakkappavattana sutta contains all the important doctrines of Buddhism" Discuss this statement.
7. Write short notes on any three of the following.
 - (i) Ratana sutta
 - (ii) Self mortification (Atta kilamathanuyoga)
 - (iii) Topics of Meditation (Kammatthana)
 - (iv) Co1. H.S Olcott
 - (v) Fetters (sanyo jana)

(20 marks for each answer)



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2553 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2009**

**Grade - Senior - Part II (Higher)
Subject - Dhamma**

**Date : 28th June 2009
Time : 3 hours**

(20 marks for each question)

Answer any five questions

1. Who is a "Stream Winner"? (Sotapanna)? What are the virtues and qualities of a "Stream Winner"?
2. Indicate some of the measures taken by the Buddha to reform and improve the society of the contemporary period.
3. Identify the Seven Groups of Factors comprising the Thirty Seven Constituents of Enlightenment (Bodhipakkhiya Dhamma) and explain the Factors in any one Group.
4. Give a summary of the teachings of the Dhamma cakkappavattana Sutta.
5. Explain the "Three Characteristics of Phenomena" (Three Signata - Tilakkhana)
6. "The Buddha can be considered the most energetic religious teacher that ever lived on earth." Discuss this statement giving reference to Buddha's routine of activities and missionary effort.
7. Give the meaning of the following Dhammapada stanza and explain the criterion for identifying a 'Good deed' mentioned therein:

68. Tam ca kammam katam sadhu - yam katva nanutappati
Yassa patito sumano - vipakam patisevati
8. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following.
 - (i) Anagarika Dharmapala
 - (ii) Ratana Sutta
 - (iii) Sopadisesa Nibbana
 - (iv) Bodhisatta
 - (v) Vicikiccha
 - (vi) Ditthadhammavedaniya kamma



COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2554 - DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2010

Grade - Senior Part 11(Higher)
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 27th June 2010
Time : 3 hours

Answer any FIVE questions

1. Explain how the Buddha sought to eradicate prevailing social evils such as the caste system.
2. "Buddha has given clear guidelines to identify the true doctrine". Discuss this statement with reference to the Kalama Sutta.
3. What are ' Bodhipakkhiya Dhamma ' ? Explain 'Dhamma' of any one Group.
4. What are the spiritual qualities of a "Stream Enterer" (Sotapanna)
5. Write a note on the Three Signata (Tilakkhana).
6. Explain the virtues of the Sangha as depicted in the Ratana Sutta.
7. Explain the Buddhist concept of Causality with reference to Dependent Origination (Paticca Samuppada)
8. Explain the Concept of Suffering (Dukkha) as depicted in the Dhamma cakkappavattana sutta.
9. Evaluate the services of Col. H.S. Olcott OR Anagarika Dhammapala to the Upliftment of Buddhism
10. Give the meaning of the following stanza from Dhammapada and explain the moral embodied therein :
 81. Selo yatha ekaghano
vatena na samirati
evam ninda pasamsasu
na saminjanti pandita
11. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following:
 - (a) Self - mortification (atta kilamathanuyoga)
 - (b) Perfections (Parami)
 - (c) Right Livelihood (Samma ajiva)
 - (d) Tranquillity meditation (Samatha bhavana)
 - (e) Rain Retreat of Bhikkhus (Vassavasa)
 - (f) The Buddhist Flag.

(20 marks for each answer)