YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION COLOMBO, SRI LANKA 2552 Dhamma Examination 2008

Grade: Senior Part II (Higher) Date: 29.06.2008 Subject: Abhidhamma Time: 3 hours

** Answer any FIVE questions including question No. 1 (20 marks each)

- 1. What is a Thought Process (citta vithi)? Explain briefly the different types of Thought Processes.
- 2. Sumana, the florist of the king, on his way to the King's palace with baskets of flowers was thrilled at seen the Buddha approaching him and he offered all the flowers to Buddha in veneration. Illustration with diagrams two different Thought processes that would have occurred to Sumana and name the cittas arisen at each Thought moment.
- 3. Define What Rupa Dhammas are and show separately what dhammas come in to being according to the modes of origin.
- 4. Name the six doors (Dvāras) through which we contact the external objects. What are the cittas that can arise through the sense door of the eye.
- 5. What are the six bases that support the arising of cittas. Are these bases found in all the worlds? Discuss. Also name the seven consciousness elements (viññanadhatu) with the relevant cittas.
- 6. Give a short description of the four causes of death as given in the process-free chapter.
- 7. What are rootless consciousness? Explain and name them under the different groups, also name the different functions these cittas perform.
- 8. Write short notes on any four of the following:
 - (i) Absorption (Jhana)
 - (ii) Presentation of object (Visayappavatthi)
 - (iii) Function of Rebirth-linking (Patisandhi)
 - (iv) Non gross material phenomena (Sukhuma Rupa)
 - (v) Faith (Saddha)
 - (vi) Sensitive material phenomena (Pasada Rupa)
- 9. (i) Translate into English
 - (a) Ayan siho tamhā vanamhā nikkamma imasmin magge thatva ēkan itthin marēsi
 - (b) so tāsan yuvatinan tāni vatthāni vikkinitivā tāsan santikā mūlan Lobhissati
 - (c) Imissā dhitaro tamhā vanamhā imāni phalani āharinsu, añña nāriyo tāni khāditun ganhinsu
 - (d) Imā sabbā yuvatiyo tan ārāman gantvā dhamman sutva Buddhan padumehi pūjessanti
 - (e) Ime manussa yāni puññāni va pāpāni vā karonti tāni te anugacchanti.

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- 9. (ii) Translate into Pali
 - (a) Sons of all rich men do not always become wealthy.
 - (b) Whose grand sons brought the cows here and gave (them) grass to eat.
 - (c) Tomorrow all women in the city will come out from there and wander in the forest.
 - (d) The other woman, having seen a leopard on the street ran across the garden.
 - (d) Who so ever acquires merit through charity will be born in heaven.