

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

Grade: Senior Part II (Higher)
Subject: Dhamma

Date: 29.06.2008
Time: 3 hours

**** Answer any FIVE questions**

1. Stanza No. 9 and 10 of the Ratana Sutta mention the Spiritual qualities of "Those who comprehended 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) Col. H. S. Olcott
 - (v) Fetters (sanyo jana)

(20 marks for each answer)