

YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
2553 Dhamma Examination 2009

Grade: Senior Part I
Subject: Dhamma

Date: 28.06.2009
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)
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 life-time of the Buddha.

(20 marks for each answer)