

**YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
2556-DHAMMA EXAMINATION-2012**

Grade Senior Part – 01 (Senior)
Subject –Dhamma

Date : 17 June – 2012
Time: 2 hours

Answer any FIVE questions

1. Write an account of the establishment of the Bhikkhuni Order by the Buddha.
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 function (kicca-action produced by kamma).
5. State the duties attaching to each party towards the other in case of **either**
 - (i) Children and parents or
 - (ii) Master and servant mentioned by the Buddha in the Sigalovada Sutta.
6. Explain the five Hindrances (panca Nivarana)
7. Explain Tranquility Meditation (Samatha bhavana)
8. Write short notes (3 – sentences) on any three of the following.
 - (i) Utthana sampada
 - (ii) Vijja carana sampana
 - (iii) Vicikiccha (Sceptical doubt)
 - (iv) Vinaya sikkhapada (Rules of discipline for monks)
 - (v) Brahma Vihara (Divine abidings)
9. Explain the Vinaya Practice of Rain Retreat (Vassavasa) observed by Bhikkhus.
10. Explain the meaning of the following Dhammapada stanza.

Sabbe tasanthi dandassa – sabbe bhayanti maccuno
Attanam upamam kayva – na haneyya ne ghataye

(20 marks for each answer)

