

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

Grade: Diploma
Subject: Dhamma

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Time: 3 hours

* **Answer five questions only**

1. Explain any one of the four foundations of mindfulness (cattaro satipatthana) forming the content of Maha Satipatthana sutta.
2. Give a summary of the 'Cula kammavibhanga sutta' with reference to the aspects of the Doctrine of Karma dealt with therein.
3. Explain the doctrine contained in the following Dhammapada stanza:

277. Sabbe sankhara canicca ti
yada pannaya passati
atha nibbindati dukkhe
esa maggo visuddhiya

4. What are the seven Stages of Purity (satta visuddhi) on the Path to Nibbana? Enumerate and explain.
5. Evaluate the role of the Buddha as a reformer of the contemporary society.
6. Discuss the importance of Kalama sutta as a criterion of true religion.
7. Summarise the advice of the Buddha to lay Householders regarding the means of earning wealth and the manner of using wealth.
8. Write short notes on any four of the following:
 - (i) Tranquility Meditation (samatha bhavana)
 - (ii) Vicikiccha (skeptical doubt)
 - (iii) Akiriyavada
 - (iv) Sopadisesa Nibbana
 - (v) Bodhisatta (Aspirant to Buddhahood)
 - (vi) Anapana sati (Mindfulness on Breathing)

(20 Marks for each answer)