

YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
2554 – DHAMMA EXAMINATION – 2010

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Grade – Diploma

Date: 27th June 2010

Subject – Dhamma

Time: 3 hours

(Answer any FIVE questions only)

1. Explain how Cullakamma Vibhanga sutta illustrates how Kamma (both Kusala and Akusala) takes effect.
2. Explain how the Buddha stands unique amongst religious teachers of the World.
3. What are the main differences and common beliefs in the doctrinal systems of Theravada and Mahayana schools of Buddhism?
4. Outline the Buddhist attitude to wealth and material progress.
5. “The Buddha’s teachings in the Sigalovada Sutta are aimed at promoting social harmony by the fulfillment of obligations by the parties that are mutually related”. Explain this statement.
6. What are the four ‘Contemplations’ (anupassana) dealt with in the Satipatthana Sutta? Explain one of them.
7. Distinguish between Tranquility Meditation (Samatha bhavana) and Insight Meditation (Vipassana bhavana)
8. Briefly outline the Buddhist Doctrine of Anatta (Egolessness).
9. Evaluate the importance of the Seven Stages of Purity (Satta visuddhi) as requisites for the attainment of Nibbana.
10. Give the meaning of the following stanza from Dhammapada and indicate the moral embodied therein:
Tumhehi kiccam atappam
Akkhataro Tathagata
patipanna pamokkhanti
jhayino Marabandhana
11. “Buddha encouraged free inquiry”. Comment on this statement.
12. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following:
(a) Niyama dhamma (Natural laws)

- (b) Samma ditthi (Right vision)
- (c) Anapana sati bhavana (Meditation on Mindfulness on breathing)/
- (d) Vicikiccha (Sceptic doubt)
- (e) Parajika vinaya rules
- (f) Kathavatthu prakarana (Abhidhamma text)

(20 Marks for each answer)