

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

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Grade – Diploma

Date: 17th June 2012

Subject – Dhamma

Time: 3 hours

Answer any 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:

276 Tumhehi kiccam atappam

Akkhataro tathagatha

Patipanna Patimokkhanti

Jhayino marabandhana

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 Supreme Teacher.
6. Indicate the Main differences between the Theravada and Mahayana doctrines.
7. Summarise the advice of the Buddha to lay householders regarding the means of earning wealth and manner of using wealth.
8. Write short notes on any four of the following
 - (i) Tranquility Meditation (samatha bhavana)
 - (ii) Vicikicca (skeptic doubt)
 - (iii) Akiriyavada
 - (iv) Sopadisena Nibbana

(v) The Arahant

(vi) Anapana Sati (Mindfulness on Breathing)

9. Explain the first step of the law of Dependent Origination (Paticca samuppada) which reads as “ Dependent on Ignorance arise kammic formations (Avijja paccaya sankhara)
10. Explain how Ajiva parisuddha sila (Morality consisting in purity of livelihood) may be practiced by (a) the Bikkhu and (b) the lay devotee

(20 marks for each answer)