

YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
2558 – DHAMMA EXAMINATION – 2014

Grade – Diploma
Subject – Dhamma

Date: 29th June 2014
Time: 3 hours

Answer any five questions

(20 marks for each question)

1. Enumerate the Four Foundations of Mindfulness (Sati Patthana) and explain ONE of them.
2. Give an outline of the practice of Buddhist Meditation (Bhavana). Explain Tranquility Meditation (Samatha bhavana).
3. "Buddhism stands unique in the history of religions in denying the existence of a Soul, Self or Atman". Explain this statement in relation to the Buddhist Doctrine of "No-soul" (Anatta).
4. Outline the Four-fold Morality of Purity (Catu parisuddha sila) expected of a Bhikkhu.
5. Identify the main differences between Mahayana and Theravada Buddhism.
6. What are the Seven Stages of Purity (Satta Visuddhi)? Explain ONE of them.
7. Discuss the qualities and achievements of the Buddha as a Social Reformer.
8. Write short notes on any Four of the following
 - (i) The arahat
 - (ii) Personality View (Sakkaya ditthi)
 - (iii) Right Understanding (Samma Ditthi)
 - (iv) Volition (Cetana)
 - (v) Tranquility meditation (Samatha bhavana)
 - (vi) King Asoka
9. Give the meaning of the following Dhammapada Stanza and elucidate the doctrine contained therein:

216 Tanhaya jayati soko
 Tanhaya Jayati bhayam
 Tanhaya Vippamuttassa
 Natthi soko kuto bhayam

10. Discuss Buddha's explanation of the diversity of inborn characteristics of individuals with reference to cullakamma vibhanga Sutta.

(20 marks for each answer)
