

YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
2559 – DHAMMA EXAMINATION – 2015

Grade – Diploma
Subject – Dhamma

Date: 28th June 2015
Time: 3 hours

Answer any five questions

(20 marks for each answer)

1. Explain any one of the four foundations of mindfulness (cattaro satipatthana) forming the content of Maha Satipatthana Sutta.
2. Enumerate the Five aspects of Kamma mentioned by the Buddha in reply to Subha in the Cuallakamma Vibhanga Sutta.
3. Explain the doctrine contained in the following Dhammapada stanza:

216 Tanhaya jayati soko
Tanhaya jayati bhayam
Tanhaya vippamuttasa
Natthi soko kuto bhayam
4. What are the seven stages of Purity (satta visuddhi) on the path to Nibbana?
Enumerate and explain the “ Four kinds of Morality consisting of Purification (catuparisuddha sila)
5. Write a short essay on “ The Uniqueness of the Buddha and His teachings”
6. Discuss how Buddha sought to elevate the position of women in contemporary society.
7. Summarise the advise of the Buddha to lay householders regarding the means of earning wealth and the manner of using wealth.
8. Identify the main differences between the Theravada and Mahayana doctrines of Buddhism
9. Discuss the main difference between Tranquility meditation and Mahayana doctrines of Buddhism.
- 10 Discuss the importance of Vinaya (Monastic Discipline) as a factor that promotes the strength and long duration of the Buddha Sasana (dispensation)
- 11 Write short notes on any FOUR of the following
 - (a) Panca niyama dhamma (Five-fold law of Nature)
 - (b) Samma sankappa (Right intention)

(c) Cemetary contemplation (Nava Sivatika)

(d) Sotapanna (the stream Enterer)

(e) Sabbannuta nana (Omniscience)

(f) Attakilamathanuyoga (Self-mortification)
