

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

Grade – Higher Diploma  
Subject – Dhamma

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Time: 3 hours

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**Answer Five questions only**

(20 marks for each question)

1. “Buddhism represents a reaction against prevailing religious systems.”  
Discuss this statement
2. Discuss how the Buddha sought to counter the social evils that prevailed at the time.
3. Mention the characteristics of  
Either (a) – the Stream Winner ( Sotapanna )  
Or (b) - the Once Returner ( Sakadagami )  
As given in the Buddhist Canon
4. What were the objectives of promulgating the Monastic Rules (Vinaya) for Bhikkhus and Bhikkhunis?
5. Discuss the Buddha’s advice to laymen on how wealth should be earned and utilized
6. “ Buddha emphasized duties more than rights of individuals”  
Discuss this statement with reference to the Sigalovada Sutta
7. “ Agganna Sutta represents the Buddhist Theory of the origin of the Universe and Mankind.” Do you agree? Discuss
8. Give the principal differences between the Theravada and Mahayana systems of Buddhism.
9. Discuss the three factors that should occur for a human conception to take place according to Mahatanha Sankhaya Sutta
10. Write short notes on any Four of the following:
  - (a) Bodhisatta
  - (b) Vinaya Parajika
  - (c) Self-mortification ( Attakilamathanuyoga )

(d) Rain Retreat (Vassana Kala )

(e) Mindfulness ( Sati )

(f) Buddhist Commentaries ( Atthakatha )

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