



YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2561 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2017

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Grade - Advanced Diploma
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 25th June 2017
Time : 3 hours

Answer any FIVE questions

(20 marks for each answer)

1. Outline the religious background of India at the time of the origin of Buddhism.
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. Buddha resisted recommendations of senior monks for the promulgation of rules of discipline for monks for twenty years. Explain why. What factors prompted the Buddha to promulgate rules thereafter ?
5. Discuss the Buddha's advice to laymen on how wealth should be earned and utilized.
6. "Buddha emphasised Duties more than Rights of individuals"
Discuss this statement with reference to Sigalovada Sutta.
7. Give a summary of the main theme discussed in the Cakkavatti Sihanada and Kutadanta Suttas.
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) Zen doctrine Satori
 - (e) Brahma Vihara (Sublime States)
 - (f) Buddhist Commentaries (Atthakatha)

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Answer **FIVE** question only.

1. Enumerate the Theravada councils held up to now and adequately describe each.
2. Explain difference between sutta pitaka and abhidhamma pitaka.
3. Describe the three Rasi (Three Group) Root Condition (Hetu paccayo) in patthanaprakaranaya.
4. How many persons have been described in the first chapter (Ekaka matika) of puggalapanathi and name 10 of them.
5. What is the total number of abhidhamma Duka matika, name of group (GOCCAKA) included there in.
6. Classify the total consciousness methodically according to Asankara and Sasankara and indicate the number of consciousness under each category.
7. Classify the total consciousness indicating the relevant number in each classification under the following headings.
 - i. Bhūmi bhedaya - (Plains)
 - ii. Vedanā bhedaya - (Feeling)
 - iii. Jāti bhedaya - (Type)
8. Describe with details of VIÑNANA PACCAYA NAMARUPAM in main three groups of Pratisandhi.
