



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

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Grade - Diploma
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 25th June 2017
Time : 3 hours

Answer any FIVE questions

(20 marks for each answer)

1. Enumerate the Four Foundations of Mindfulness (Sati patthana) and explain ONE of them.
2. "Volition I say monks, is the Kamma" (cetanaham bhikkhave kamman vadami). Explain this statement of the Buddha in relation to the doctrine of Kamma.
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. Distinguish between Tranquillity Meditation (Samatha Bhavana) and Insight Meditation (Vipassana Bhavana)
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) Bodhisatva (Aspirant to Buddhahood)
 - (ii) Personality View (Sakkaya ditthi)
 - (iii) Parami or Paramita (Perfection)
 - (iv) Attakilamathanuyoga (Self - mortification)
 - (v) Samyojana (Fetters)
 - (vi) Aggregates (Kandha)
9. Explain the meaning of the following Dhammapada stanza and comment on the Moral contained therein:

276. Tumhehi kiccam atappam - Akkhataro tathagata
Patipanna pamokthanti - jhayino marabandhana
10. "Vinayo nama sasanassa ayu - vinaye thite sasanam thitam"

(Vinaya represents duration of the sasana; when vinaya lasts - Sasana lasts)
Explain the significance of this statement for the stability of the sasana.



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1. Please indicate different functions of the consciousness and give classifications of JAVANA functions.
2. Explain the places or locations of arising of consciousness.
3. Indicate in detail gross materials phenomena (OLARIKA RUPA) and non gross materials phenomena (SUKHUMA RUPA).
4. Mention Rupa Samutthana (origination of matters) classified under different groups and write name of 28 material Phenomena.
5. Indicate compendium of Doors (dvara sangaha) and explain how many consciousness arise in Eye Door and Mind Door.
6. Draw a Diagram to show Eye Door thought process in ATI MAHANTARAMMANA CITTA VEETHI (Very great object) and name the function performed at each consciousness.
7. Write short note of any FOUR of the following.
 - i. Mental Factors (cetaseka)
 - ii. Initial application (VĪTAKKA)
 - iii. Energy (virīya)
 - iv. Heavens (celestial worlds)
 - v. Rootless (ahetuka)
8. Decline one of the followings in all cases.
 - i. BATU (Brother) ii. NATTU (Grand son) iii. Battu (Husband)
 - iv. giva (Neck)

Translate into English

9. i. Deepayo atavimsu tatvā mige māretvā khadanti.
ii. Sihe ajam māretvā sūsūnam dassati.
iii. Vanitāhyo nāwāhi gangāsu gacchanti.
iv. Devatā Vasudhayam Manusse rakkhanti.
v. Thumhe Parisaya saddhin mama katham sunātha.
