



**YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2562 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2018**

Name : Index No :

Grade - Diploma

Date : 24th June 2018

Subject - Dhamma

Time : 3 hours

Answer **FIVE** questions only.

1. Explain any one of the four foundations of mindfulness (cattaro satipatthana) forming the content of Maha Satipatthana Sutta.
2. Give a summary of the 'Cula kammavibhanga sutta' with reference to the aspects of the Doctrine of Kamma dealt with therein.
3. Explain the doctrine contained in the following Dhammapada stanza :

276. Tumhehi Kiccam ātappam
Akkhataro tathāgatā
Patipannā Pamokkhanti
Jhayino marabandhana

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 (catu parisuddha sila).
5. Write a short Essay on "The Uniqueness of the Buddha and His teachings"
6. Discuss importance of Kalama sutta as a criterion of true religion.
7. Summarise the advice 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. Explain the concept of 'Dukkha' (Suffering) as presented in the Teachings of the Buddha.
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) Katha vatthu (Abhidhamma text - Points of Controversy)
 - (d) Ajiva parisuddha sila - Monastic discipline of purity of livelihood.
 - (e) Sati (Mindfulness)
 - (f) Attakilamathanuyoga (Self - mortification)

(20 marks for each answer)
