



YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2555 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2011

Grade - Diploma
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 26 June - 2011
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 atanza:
146. Ko nu haso kim anando
niccam pajjalite sati
Andhakarena onaddho
Padipam na gavesatha
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) Sotapanna (The stream Enterer)
 - (e) Sati (Mindfulness)
 - (f) Attakilamathanuyoga (Self - mortification)

(20 marks for each answer)
