



## YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

2560 Dhamma/Abhidhamma Examination - 2016

Grade : Diploma  
Subject : Dhamma

Date : 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
Time : 3 hours

(Answer any **FIVE** questions)

1. Explain how Cullakamma Vibhanga Sutta illustrates how Kamma (both Kusala and Akusala) takes effect.
2. Evaluate the role of the Buddha as a Social Reformer.
3. What are the main differences and common beliefs in the doctrinal systems of Theravada and Mahayana schools of Buddhism ?
4. Outline the Buddhist attitude to wealth and material progress.
5. "He who understands Dependent Origination understands Dhamma" (Yo Paticca Samuppadam passati - so Dhamam passati) Buddha. Evaluate the paramount importance of Dependent Origination as a Cardinal Doctrine of Buddhism.
6. Briefly describe the Five Aggregates of Clinging (Panca Upadanakkhanda) as a topic of Contemplation in Maha Satipatthana Sutta.
7. Distinguish between Tranquillity Meditation (Samatha bhavana) and Insight Meditation) Vipassana bhavana)
8. Explain the Four Components of the Purity of Morality (Sila Visuddhi).
9. Discuss the importance of Monastic Rules of Discipline (Vinaya) as a factor that promotes the strength and long duration of the Buddha sasana (Dispensation of the Buddha)
10. Give the meaning of the following stanza from Dhammapada and indicate the moral embodied therein :  
216. Tanhaya jayati soko  
Tanhaya jayati bhayam  
Tanhaya vippamuttassa  
Natthi soko kuto bhayam.
11. "Buddha encouraged free inquiry". Comment on this statement.
12. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following.
  - (a) Niyama dhamma (Natural laws)
  - (b) Samma Ajiva (Right Livelihood)
  - (c) Anapana sati bhavana (Meditation on Mindfulness on breathing)
  - (d) Vicikiccha (Sceptic doubt)
  - (e) Mahayana doctrine of Bodhisatva Bhumi
  - (f) Kathavatthu prkarana (Abhidhamma text)

(20 Marks for each answer)

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