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**COLOMBO - SRI LANKA**  
**2561 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2017**

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Grade - Diploma  
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 25<sup>th</sup> 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. "Vinaya 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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