



YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2556 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2012

Grade - Senior Part - 11 (Higher)
Subject - Dhamma

Date : 17 June - 2012
Time : 3 hours

Answer any FIVE questions

1. Explain the Middle Path (Majjhima patipada) expounded by the Buddha in the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta.
2. Explain the factors included in any group out of the seven groups of factors comprising the Thirty seven Constituents of Enlightenment (Bodhipakkhiya Dhamma)
3. What is the moral contained in the Dhammapada stanza :
127 Na antalikkhe na samudda majjhe
Na pabbatanam vivaram pavissa
Na vijjati so jagat ippadeso
Yattathito munceyya papakammam
4. Explain the Buddhist doctrine of Three Signata (Tilakkhana)
5. Indicate how Buddha sought to improve the status of women in society.
6. Discuss the contribution made by EITHER Col. H. S. Olcott OR Anagarika Dhammapala to the revival of Buddhism.
7. Write short notes on any three of the following.
 - (i) Ratana Sutta.
 - (ii) Self mortification (Atta Kilamathanuyoga)
 - (iii) Bodhisatta
 - (iv) Avijja (Ignorance)
 - (v) Fetters (sanyojana)
8. Enumerate the Four Sublime States (Brahma Vihara) Explain any ONE of them.
9. Who is a "Stream Winner" (Sotapanna) ? Mention the special virtues of a stream winner.
10. Explain the concept of "Bodhi" (Enlightenment).

(20 marks for each answer)