YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION COLOMBO – SRI LANKA 2557-DHAMMA EXAMINATION-2013

Grade – Senior Part – 11 (Higher) Date : 30 June 2013

Subject – Dhamma Time: 3 hours

Answer any FIVE questions.

- 1. Who is a "Stream Winner" (Sotapanna)? What are the virtues and qualities of a "Stream Winner"?
- 2. Indicate some of the measures taken by the Buddha to reform and improve the society of the contemporary period.
- 3. Explain the first step of the Doctrine of 'Dependent Origination (Paticca Samuppada)

"Avijja paccaya sankhara"

- 4. Explain the concept of "Bodhi" (Enlightenment)
- 5. Explain the "Three Characteristics of Phenomena" (Three Signata Ttilakkhana)
- 6. "The Buddha can be considered the most energetic religious teacher that ever lived on earth." Discuss this statement giving reference to Buddha's routine of activities and missionary effort.
- 7. Give the meaning of the following Dhammapada stanza and explain the moral embodied therein:

Selo yatha ekaghano-vatena na samirati Evam ninda pasamasu-na samin janti pandita

- 8. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following.
 - (i) Right Livelihood (Samma Ajiva) (ii) Ratana Sutta
 - (iii) Sopadisesa Nibbana
- (iv) Bodhisatta

(v) Aversion (Vyapada)

- (vi) Craving (Tanha)
- 9. Enumerate the noble qualities of the Sangha (order of Bhikkus and Bhikkunis) mentioned in the Ratana Sutta
- 10. "Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta embodies the essence of Buddha's teachings." Explain this statement.

(20 marks for each answer)