

**YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
2556-DHAMMA EXAMINATION-2015**

Grade – Senior Part – II 2015
Subject –Dhamma

Date : 28 June – 2015
Time: 3 hours

Answer 5 questions only

1. Explain how the Buddha sought to eradicate prevailing social evils such as the caste system.
2. State and explain the four maxims of the short formula of Causal Genesis (Paticca samuppada)
3. Explain Right Understanding (Samma Ditthi), the first step of the Noble Eight Fold Path
4. What are the spiritual qualities of a “Stream Enterer”(Sotapanna)
5. Write a note on Equanimity (Upekkha) as a factor of Enlightenment.
6. Explain the virtues of the Sangha as depicted in the Ratana Sutta
7. Explain the concept of Anicca (Impermanence) OR Anatta (Egolessness)
8. Explain the concept of suffering (Dukkha) as depicted in the Dhamma Cakkappavattana Sutta.
9. Enumerate the qualities of the Sangha mentioned in the Ratana Sutta
10. Give the meaning of the following stanza from Dhammapada and explain the moral embodied therein:

64. Yavajivam pi ce balo
Panditam payirupasati
Na so dhammam vijanati
Dabbi suparasam yatha

11. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following:
 - (a) Self-mortification
 - (b) Perfections (Parami)
 - (c) Right livelihood (Samma ajiva)
 - (d) Putujjana
 - (e) Rain Retreat of Bhikkus (Vassavasa)
 - (f) Upadana (grasping)

