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*Final Examination*

1) Name the main root text for the study of Higher Knowledge (Abhidharma); give the author's name and his dates. Then give the name of the main commentary we will be using, the author and his dates. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

a)

b)

2) Explain the literal meaning of the words in the title of the root text.

3) What things does the word "abhidharma" actually refer to? (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

4) Name the four required attributes of a reputable Buddhist book, and explain what they are in this case. (Tibetan track name the four in Tibetan and explain in English.)

a)

b)

c)

d)

5) Name the two most basic types of karma, or deeds. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

a)

b)

6) "Non-communicating" form has five characteristics. Describe them, by using the exact phrases from Master Vasubandhu's root text, and explaining each of them. (Tibetan track give each phrase in Tibetan.)

a)

b)

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e)

7) Give the definitions of virtue, non-virtue, and neutral karma. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

a)

b)

c)

8) Give the Tibetan words for shame and consideration, and explain the difference between them. (Tibetan track give words in Tibetan and explain in English.)

a)

b)

9) Give the abbreviated list of the ten rights and wrongs, and group them by the three gateways. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

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10) Name the three types of experiences (in three different times) that ripen from deeds (karma).

a)

b)

c)

11) Select three bad deeds, one representing each of the gateways, and explain the four consequences it will produce.

a) *in body:*

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

b) *in speech:*

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

c) *in mind*:

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

12) According to the Mind-Only School, what are you really looking at when you think you are looking at the sense faculty of your eye, and outside physical forms as well? (Tibetan track answer in Tibetan.)

13) Explain how mental seeds from karma are planted, and then where they stay, and how they go on until they produce their consequences, according to the Mind-Only School. (Tibetan track give Tibetan for "mental seed.")

a)

b)

c)

14) There are many places in the sutras where the Buddha stated that the whole universe and everyone in it is "mind only." The Mind-Only School took this to mean that there are no outer, physical objects at all. Explain what two things the Buddha actually had in mind when He said that everything was "mind only."

a)

b)

15) Maitreya, in his work entitled *The Higher Line*, describes six different steps in the process through which the tendency to grasp to some self-nature causes karma, and thus the world of suffering life. Describe these six. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

a)

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16) Describe how the Consequence section of the Middle-Way School explain what is happening in this case, using their concept of three parts, three material causes, and three contributing factors.

17) Name and describe the four parts to a path of action, for the act of killing for example, as explained by Je Tsongkapa, who follows Master Asanga.

a)

b)

c)

d)

18) The second of these four part has three parts of its own. Name and describe these for the act of killing.

a)

b)

c)

19) What does "most basic virtue" or "root of virtue" refer to? (Tibetan track give Tibetan for this phrase, and for what it refers to.)

20) Describe the kind of person who can lose this most basic virtue. (Tibetan track also give Tibetan for "loss of basic virtue.")

21) Describe two actions which can cause a loss of basic virtue. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

a)

b)

22) Why are the five "immediate deeds" called "immediate"? Describe also the specific type of birth that one must take because of them. (Tibetan track answer both parts in Tibetan.)

23) Explain the order of severity for the five immediate misdeeds.



24) Name four qualities of the person to whom you perform your exceptional giving, giving examples for each.

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