

# TARA INSTITUTE

## STUDY GROUP TEST-2

19th May, 1998

Answer any **four** from question no. 1-6.

Question no.7 is compulsory

Time allowed one hour

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1. Do we have the potential to develop true bodhicitta?
2. After developing great compassion, why is it then necessary to cultivate the superior intention first, before experiencing the bodhicitta?
3. What is the difference between general love and the love developed in the seven fold cause and effect meditation?
4. What makes the thought of caring for others a bona fide state of bodhicitta?
5. What is the difference between an aspiring bodhicitta and an engaging bodhicitta?
6. What are the main points of the seven point mind training?
7. **(COMPULSORY)**

Explain the meaning of the following verse from "The Supplement to the Middle Way" by Chandrakirti.

"Mercy alone is seen as the seed  
Of a Conqueror's rich harvest,  
As water for development, and as  
Ripening in a state of long enjoyment,  
Therefore at the start I praise compassion."