

Tara Institute Study Group 2002 - 'Entering the Middle Way'

EXAM

NAME:

BLOCK: **5**
WEEK: **6**
ASSIGNED: **1ST OCT 2002**

MARK:

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1. At what point does a bodhisattva no longer experience suffering in giving away his/her body? What is the nature of the suffering of those bodhisattvas who experience suffering in regard to giving their body? Does this become a hindrance to their practice of giving? Explain your answer. [4 marks]

2. The Tibetan word for 'perfection' is *Paroltu Chinpa*. Explain the etymology of this term, and demonstrate the two ways in which this term is applied. [6 marks]

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3. Why is the second bodhisattva ground called 'stainless'? What sign indicates the extent of this second grounder's purity? Give an example. [3 Marks]

4. What are the two types of bad deeds? (A and B) [2 Marks]

[Bonus 4 Marks] Posit an example from the four possibilities:

- A not B:
- B not A:
- Neither A or B:
- Both A and B:

5. How does the enjoyment of the fruit of giving depend on morality? [3 Marks]

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6. Why did Lord Buddha teach the perfection of ethics after the perfection of giving? [3 Marks]

7. Why is the third ground called 'luminous'? [3 Marks]

8. Why is the third grounders patience superior to the first and second grounders practice of patience? Give an example that highlights this difference. [4 Marks]

9. Give the following: [20 * _ Marks]

10 Non-Virtues:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

10 Virtues:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.