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**EXAM**

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1. List the five types of reasoning that establish selflessness. [5]

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2. Provide the following for 'The Diamond Sliver Reasoning'; i) the etymology ii) the subject of the reasoning and iii) why it was chosen. [3]

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3. What is a 'non-affirming negation'? What mistakes are overcome by knowing that emptiness is a non-affirming negation? [2]

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4. Explain the Samkhya's position of 'production from self.' Use an example to illustrate your answer. [5]

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5. Demonstrate two of Chandrakirti's absurd consequences to refute the Samkhya's 'production from self' position. [6]

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6. Which Buddhist tenet asserts the inherent generation from self? [1]

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7. Who are the 'Realists', why are they called that, and what is their position on the 'inherent generation' issue. [3]

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8. Explain the difference between a substantial cause and a concurrently producing condition. Provide examples. [4]

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9. Outline two problems with the 'inherently existing **other**' argument. [2]

10. Provide the verse from Nagarjuna's *Root Wisdom* that is the basis of the Diamond Sliver Reasoning. [4]


