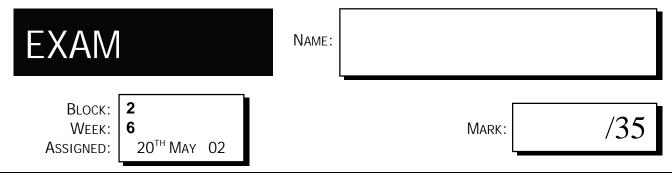
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1. List the five types of reasoning that establish selflessness. [5]

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]

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]

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

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

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

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

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]

