

Tara Institute Study Group 2003 - 'Entering the Middle Way'

EXAM

NAME:

BLOCK: **5**

WEEK: **6**

ASSIGNED: **23RD SEPT2003**

MARK:

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1. Using the mirror analogy how can an effect arise from something that is completely empty of inherent existence. [5 marks]

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2. Discuss in general, the meaning of 'investigating suchness'. [5 marks]

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3. What are the eight uncommon modes of the Prasangika? [8 marks]

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4. Why do the Mind-Only feel the need to posit an universal mind-basis? [4 marks]

5. What are the definitions of the three times? Give an example for each of the three times. [6 marks]

6. Relate the lower tenets point of view and the Prasangika point of view regarding disintegrated being a non-functionality/functionality, to their believe/disbelieve in intrinsic existence. [10 marks]

7. If the Prasangika don't posit a universal mind-foundation or the mental continuum as the basis for the karmic imprints, then what do they posit? What are the karmic imprints and how are they placed.
[6 marks]

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8. How does this verse show an analogy of why disintegrated karma can produce a result? [6 marks]

*Having seen the object of the dream
The foolish generate attachment even though awake.
Likewise, a fruit from disintegrated and
Non-inherent karma is also existent.*