Tara Institute 'Nagarjuna's Precious Garland' Study Group 2010

Exam	Name:	
Block: 2 Week: 6 (4 May 2010)		Mark:

1. Why is self- mortification not a Dharma practice? [4]

2. What is the great path of excellent doctrine? [3]

- 3. Verse 13. The bodies embraced by the vicious snakes
 Of the afflictive emotions, they enter for a long time
 The dreadful jungle of cyclic existence
 Among the trees of endless beings.
- a) Give an example of a wrong path.

b) In brief what is verse13 pointing out?

4. What does equalizing the eight worldly dharmas mean? [4]
5. What are the results concordant with the following non-virtues? [13]
Divisive speech
Harsh speech
Senseless speech or gossip
Covetousness
Harmful intent
Wrong views Drinking alcohol
Not giving
Wrong livelihood
Arrogance
Jealousy
Anger
Not questioning the wise

6. What are he four characteristics of karma in general? [4]		
7. It is relatively easier to understand ignorance as a wrong consciousness but it is not so clear with attachment and anger. Explain why attachment and anger are considered wrong consciousnesses. [4]		
8. What does virtuous non-desire, non-ignorance and non-hatred refer to? {4}		
9. As the commentary has explained besides reflecting and contemplating on karma;		
a) What is the actual practice? [3]		

b) Which is the primary mode of action and why is it the primary mode? [3]	
10. All our doubts and fears are a natural consequence of what?	