

## **Discussion (26.04.2011)**

### **Week: 1 (29.03.11)**

1. Why did Geshe la say, "Nagarjuna intended this to be personal advice. However we should not implement the practice of avoiding killing just because Nagarjuna said so!"? [3]
2. What are the three types of effects of karma? [3]
3. As the commentary explains there are specific karmic results if one engages in the act of killing, for example hunting. What are these specific karmic results? [3]
4. 'If the advice of all the teachings were to be summarised it really comes down to the two points in this summary by Nagarjuna, which is the same as the advice His Holiness the Dalai Lama presents as a daily practice.' Give Geshe Doga's advice for a daily practice that contemplates on these two points. [4]
5. What are the three roots of unparalleled enlightenment? [3]

### **Week: 2 (5.04.11)**

1. 'An uncontrived bodhicitta, or the awakening mind, is generated by having first developed the causes of that awakening mind.' Give the seven fold instruction for developing bodhicitta. [7]
2. The complete structure of the Mahayana can be summarised into three points. Give these three points with an explanation of each. [6]
3. Give the definition of a sign. [1]
4. 'Thus you will not be suppressed by other's glory, but rather [possess] your own glory, where your feet will be adorned with wheels.' Show the cause for this to occur. [4]

### **Week: 3(12.04.11) and Week 4 (19.04.11)**

1. List the thirty two signs of a Buddha. First thirteen signs (week 3) and remaining nineteen signs (week 4), and briefly show the cause of each. **Exam:** List the first six signs and show the cause of each. [12]