

# 九十六年度法鼓佛教研修學院入學試題

科目：英文

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## Part One - English vocabulary identification (20%) (Discuss these terms briefly)

1. impermanence
2. the Five Aggregates
3. cycle of existence (samsara)
4. Right Livelihood
5. insight

## Part Two – Personal Essay (40%)

The stated Principles of Dharma Drum Buddhist College are as follows:

Compassion: We look on all beings with compassion.

Wisdom: We deal with matters with wisdom.

Harmony: We come together in peace and harmony.

Respect: We respect each other.

For your personal essay, explain how these principles fit within your own worldview, and describe how your education at DDBC will help you to achieve fulfillment of your personal aims and goals.

## Part Three – Essay Questions about *What the Buddha Taught* (chose three) (40%)

1. Rahula recounts the story of Vacchagotta asking the Buddha whether there is an Atman or not. Instead of answering, the Buddha remains silent. What is the Buddha's subsequent explanation for this refusal to answer?
2. Rahula discusses the Four Noble Truths and points out that there are four functions to perform regarding them. Briefly discuss the Four Noble Truths and the corresponding four functions.
3. The first of the twelve factors of Conditioned Genesis is ignorance. What is this ignorance as described by the Buddha? How is it overcome through meditation?
4. Rahula distinguishes two forms of meditation. Discuss their functions briefly. In your own opinion, how could they operate to compliment each other?