

# DISCOVERING BUDDHISM

## UNIT 12: Wisdom of Emptiness Exam

1. What are the names of the two Hinayana tenet systems? What are the names of the two Mahayana tenet systems?
2. What is a tenet?
3. What are the four seals of a Buddhist tenet holder?
4. In the Great Exposition (or Vaibashika) system, what is the gross selflessness of persons? Describe the characteristics of this selflessness.
5. Within the same system, what is the subtle selflessness of persons? What are the characteristics of this selflessness?
6. What is the major difference between the Mahayana and Hinayana schools regarding selflessness?
7. Describe the gross and subtle self that the Middle Way Consequence School says that we are empty of?
8. From the perspective of the Middle Way Consequence system, if the person did exist inherently, describe how they would appear to exist.
9. How does the Middle Way Consequence School posit the person to conventionally exist?
10. From the Middle Way Consequence position, what does it mean to say that the person is a dependant arising? Dependant on what?
11. With an analogy or example, show how a person conventionally exists and then how they do not inherently exist.

## **12. Wisdom of Emptiness**

### **Assessment Questions**

Please rely on the session material and required readings to answer the following questions and write approximately half a page (not more than one page) in response to each one.

1. Who are some of the more famous teachers in our lineage of teachings on the wisdom of emptiness?
2. What is emptiness?
3. What is ignorance?
4. What does emptiness have to do with liberation and enlightenment?
5. Name one of the most famous teachings that Lord Buddha gave on emptiness? Why is it given that name?
6. What is dependent arising? How do emptiness and dependent arising relate to one another?
7. Name and describe a meditation on emptiness.
8. How are you going to realize emptiness?