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Final Examination

1) Give the Sanskrit and Tibetan words for Buddhist discipline, and explain the literal meaning of the term. (Tibetan track answer all in Tibetan.)

2) Describe the relationship between Buddhist discipline, and Lord Buddha and his teachings.

3) Explain the role of the extraordinary training of an ethical way of life in the development of the other two extraordinary trainings, especially as explained by Je Tsongkapa in his *Epistle on Ethics*.

4) Name the early Sanskrit commentary which forms the basis for the study of Buddhist discipline in Tibetan monasteries; give also the author, and his approximate date. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

5) Describe the motivation with which one should engage in a study of Buddhist discipline.

6) Give the three major divisions of the "actual commentary" section of Chone Drakpa Shedrup's explanation of the *Sutra on Discipline (Vinaya Sutra)*. (Tibetan track answer in Tibetan.)

a)

b)

c)

7) Name the four major parts of the section on how to keep your vows from being damaged.

a)

b)

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8) In the opening lines of his text, Je Tsongkapa mentions that the vows of individual freedom constitute the subject matter of the scriptures on Buddhist discipline. Explain why these vows are given this name. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

9) Name the six categories by which Je Tsongkapa explains the vows of individual freedom. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

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10) Give a general description of the vows of individual freedom by quoting directly the relevant two and a half lines of Je Tsongkapa's root text. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

11) Name the four primary rules of the one-day freedom vow. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

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12) Name the five rules, and one additional part, of the lifetime layperson's vow. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

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13) Give the number of the full monk's vows by naming each of the six groups of actions to be given up, and stating the number of vows in each group. (Tibetan track name the groups in Tibetan.)

14) Name five things which can cause any of the vows of individual freedom to be lost. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

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15) Describe the two results of keeping these vows. (Tibetan track in Tibetan.)

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b)

16) Name the two "consistent" consequences for each of the ten non-virtues, following the *Sutra on the Ten Levels* and similar works.

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17) Describe the "environmental" consequence of performing each of the ten.

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18) Describe briefly the personages of the lineage who are presented in each of the first five verses of Je Tsongkapa's text.

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19) Name and briefly explain the four special qualities of the teachings on the steps to enlightenment. (Tibetan track name in Tibetan and describe in English.)

a)

b)

c)

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20) Finding a proper relationship with one's Lama is considered the foundation of the entire Buddhist path. Name and briefly describe the ten qualities of a qualified Lama, from the classic source—the *Ornament of the Sutras*. (Tibetan track name in Tibetan and describe in English.)

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21) Explain the karmic cause of these ten qualities for the Lama.

22) Explain the karmic cause of these ten qualities for the disciple.

23) Je Tsongkapa mentions that it is "essential to purify ourselves" by "depending on the four forces, continually." Name and briefly describe these four. (Tibetan track name in Tibetan and describe in English.)

a)

b)

c)

d)

24) List the four arya ("noble") truths according to the order in which they are understood; then give two divisions of each truth. (Tibetan track give truths and divisions in Tibetan.)

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25) Explain the metaphor of the alchemical elixir in terms of the ultimate meaning of dependent origination.

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