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5. Modern Buddhism
6. Introduction of Buddhist Chaplaincy
7. Research Methodology and Extended Essay

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- 5,000-word extended essay on a topic related to one of the courses taken.
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MABS 72 Research Methodology and Extended Essay

- Instructors: Ven. Dr. Dhammadipa, Dr. Teng, Weijen