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BPHE 102: EARLY BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

Answer **FIVE** questions only,

(The total number of questions in this paper is 10)

(Three Hours)

1. "The emergence of Buddhism signifies a philosophical revolution in the history of Indian thought." Examine.
2. Examine as to what extent is it reasonable to study Buddhism either as a religion or as a Philosophy.
3. On what grounds did the Buddha criticize pre-Buddhist systems of Indian philosophy?
4. Explain the Buddhist stance regarding the concept of truth as compared to other philosophical notions of truth.
5. Discuss the Buddhist solution to the problem between determinism and free will.
6. Explain how Buddhism identifies the relationship between mind and body as a conditional process.

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Explain the Buddhist teaching on the nature of causality with reference to the principal theories of the causal connection in the history of philosophy.

“The Theravada teaching on impermanence is an empirical doctrine.”
Discuss.

Is it possible to consider Buddhism as a sceptical doctrine due to the fact that some philosophical questions are set aside by Buddhism as indeterminable?

What are the philosophical problems related to the early Buddhist concept on Nibbāna.

