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FIRST YEAR (100 LEVEL) EXAMINATION IN BACHELOR OF ARTS  
(EXTERNAL NEW SYLLABUS) APRIL 2017

BSCE 101: HISTORY OF BUDDHISM IN INDIA

Answer **FIVE** questions only,

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

(Three Hours)

1. Examine the specific features of Vedic rituals and explain their aims.
2. Elucidate the place of yaga (Sacrifice) in the Brahmana religion and discuss why the Buddha criticized that yaga system.
3. Introduce the ascetic practices of other religious during the Buddha's time and explain why the Buddha rejected those practices.
4. Critically examine the historical reasons to the dawn of Buddhism.
5. Evaluate the importance of the teachings presented by the Buddha against cast system in ancient India.
6. Examine the influence of Political background on the life of people in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. in North India.

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7. Examine the practical values of the Buddha's teachings on liberation of women.
8. Critically examine the historical reasons which lead to holding of the first council after the Buddha's demise.
9. Examine the Buddhist teachings applied by the King Asoka for re-establishing the social ethics which had been collapsed (degenerated) in his kingdom.
10. Explain the subject matters of Early Buddhist art in India depicting examples.

