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

BSCE 102: DOCTRINES OF THERAVADA BUDDHISM

Answer **FIVE** questions only,

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

(Three Hours)

1. Clarify how the Brahmanic teachings on tradition based on śrīti (anussava) are criticized in Buddhism.
2. Assess the importance of the five precepts (pañcasīla) in promoting inter-personal goodwill and worldly progress.
3. Examine the role of confidence (saddhā) which is the part and parcel of Buddhist practice.
4. Evaluate the Buddhist theory of conditionality in comparison with other views on causality and non-causality prevalent at the time of the Buddha.
5. Clarify the Buddhist teaching of non-self (anatta) relates to conditioned and non-conditioned phenomena?
6. “The Buddhist teaching on suffering (dukkha) is not a teaching meant to keep mankind embedded in suffering” Discuss.

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7. Examine, how the teaching on kamma assists to clarify the re-birth (punabbhava) in Buddhism.
8. Using Buddhist teachings that you have learnt, discuss the idea of the origin and resolution of social problems.
9. "The development of a country could be expected through the perfection of the political and economic order." Examine this from the Buddhist perspective.
10. Examine the reasons for describing that Nibbāna is the highest happiness in Buddhism.

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