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BSCE 101: HISTORY OF BUDDHISM IN INDIA

Answer **FIVE** questions only,

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

(Three Hours)

1. Elucidate the religious differences between Śramana and Brahmana traditions.
2. "There was a new trend of spiritual observation during the Araññaka and Upaniṣhad periods" Discuss.
3. Examine the influence of the economic background on the life of the people in the 6th century B.C. in North India.
4. Elucidate the historical biography of the Buddha as mentioned in the Pali literature.
5. Examine the reasons for the rapid expansion of Buddhism overcoming other religions in India.
6. Examine what evidences are contained in the Pali literature which can be used in studying the early history of Buddhism in India.

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7. Explain whether the social background in north India during 6th century B.C. caused the origin of Buddhism.
8. Describe how the 2nd council influenced to form the post history of Buddhism in India.
9. Evaluate the contribution given by emperor Kanishka towards the establishment of Buddhist culture in North West India.
10. Explain the religious utility of Buddhist Stupa Architecture.

