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BSCE 102: DOCTRINES OF THERAVADA BUDDHISM

Answer **FIVE** questions only,

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

(Three Hours)

1. Explain why the Buddha rejected the theory of divine creation.
2. Discuss the special characteristics of Buddhism taking into consideration the other Indian religions.
3. “Morality (*sīla*) without right view (*sammādit̥ṭhi*) and right thought (*sammā saṃkappa*) is not meaningful in the Buddhist practice.” Discuss.
4. Discuss the continuity and discontinuity of transmigration (*saṃsāra*) as revealed through the theory of dependent arising. (*paṭiccasamuppāda*).
5. “The Buddhist teachings on kamma and rebirth are strictly connected.” Examine.
6. Is the Buddhist teaching of suffering (*dukkha*) a pessimistic teaching that trains man to suffer? Discuss.

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7. Examine the intended aims of the concept of no-self (anatta) taught in Buddhism.
8. Clarify the five aggregates (pañcakkhandha) Buddhist analysis.
9. How would you apply the teachings of the Buddha to remove social conflicts and wars from the contemporary world?
10. "The concept of 'the knowledge and vision of things as they really are' (yathābhūtañānadassana) is a special teaching in Buddhism." Examine.