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GENERAL DEGREE EXAMINATION IN ARTS (EXTERNAL) - 2014 AUGUST 2015

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Buddhist Culture -I / බෞද්ධ සංස්කෘතිය I - BCG-1  
(Prescribed Texts)

Answer **any FIVE** questions.

The total number of questions in this paper is 10.

All questions carry equal marks

(Three Hours )

1. "It is possible to note that the discourse of Aggañña Sutta shows as a segregated occasion of Buddhism from creationism". Give your opinions.
2. "The social institutions came in to being due to the effect of psychological and physical factors". Examine with reference to Aggañña Sutta.
3. Examine the special differences between Buddhism and Brahmanism with reference to Kūṭadanta Sutta.
4. Examine how resources could be meaningfully utilized for following the path to deliverance giving reference to Kūṭadanta Sutta.
5. Examine the contribution of Kakacūpama Sutta for the establishment of a disciplinary social institution.
6. Discuss the behaviour of “dhammadhara” (bearer of Dhamma) and “vinayadhara” (bearer of discipline) monks with reference to Kakacūpama Sutta.

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7. Examine the differences between the practices of "Paribrājaka" (wandering ascetics) and the practices of Buddhist monks with reference to Sandaka Sutta.
8. Discuss the practice of Bodhisattva as depicted in the Sukhāvati Viyuha Sutra.
9. "Sukhāvati Viyuha Sutra portrays a vividly beautiful picture of Sukhāvati world." Discuss.
10. Write Short notes on following **four** topics:
  - A. Dassu Khīla
  - B. Logic and Reasoning
  - C. Dhammī vā kathā ariyo vā tunnhi bhāvo
  - D. Determinism of Ājīvakas
  - E. Brahmācariya

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Buddhist Culture -II / බෞද්ධ සංස්කෘතිය II - BCG-2  
**Schools of Buddhism**

Answer **any FIVE** questions.

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(Three Hours)

1. Examine various causes that influenced the origin of the Buddhist Schools.
2. "The opinions given by Venerable Mahdeva on Arahantship contradict with early Buddhism" Examine.
3. Clarify how the Mahāsaṅghika tenets of dharma differ from fundamental doctrines of the Theravāda.
4. Elucidate the theories formulated by the sarvāstivādin teachers to affirm their Sarvāstivāda doctrines.
5. Examine the history of the Sautrāntika tradition and introduce its fundamental teachings.
6. "The voidness (śūnyatā) is only Nibbana nothing other than that" Give your opinions.

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7. Introduce the nature of three concepts of parikalpita (imagined), paratantra (dependent) and parinishpanna (cognition of absolute reality) accepted by the Yogācāra idealistic philosophers.
8. Clarify what is the Mahāyāna.
9. Clarify the theory of “Tri-kāya” as taught in the Mahāyāna.
10. Determine the special features of the Mahāyana no-self concept elucidating the differences seen by them between their own no-self concept and that of the other Buddhist traditions.



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Buddhist Culture -III / බෞද්ධ සංස්කෘතිය III - BCG - 3  
(Buddhist Culture in Sri Lanka)

Answer any **FIVE** questions.

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( Three Hours )

1. What are the eminent features of Theravada Buddhism that was introduced to Sri Lanka by Mahinda Thera ? Elucidate with relevant examples.
2. Examine the religious background in Pre-Buddhist Sri Lanka with reference to the mahavamsa.
3. Describe the policies used by ancient kings of Sri Lanka to maintain a peaceful administration in the country.
4. “There is an ethical goal continuously sustained in the Sinhala literary tradition”. Discuss this idea with reference to the Sri Lankan Buddhist literature.
5. Evaluate the ethical value of ancient Buddhist wall paintings in Sri Lanka.
6. “Buddhist economic philosophy has paved the way for the glory of material culture of Anuradhapura period.” Discuss giving examples.

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7. Show up the Buddhist beliefs that can be seen in the Sri Lankan customs.
8. Examine the cultural trends of Sri Lanka created under the influence of Mahayana Buddhism.
9. Examine critically the causes that led to the popularity of Buddhism transcending the local beliefs of ancient Sri Lanka.
10. Examine the ancient monastic administration system with reference to the inscriptions.

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