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GENERAL DEGREE EXAMINATION IN ARTS (EXTERNAL- OLD SYLLABUS) – DECEMBER 2019
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පාලි - III/ Pali - III/ (PLG -III)
(History of Pali Literature and Buddhist Thought)

Select at least two questions from each Part
and answer five questions only.
(This paper contains 10 questions)

Time : Three hours only

I - Part

1. Explain the Theravada views on the origin of the Abhidhamma Piṭaka
2. Discuss the importance of the Pañcasatikakkhandaka of the Cullavaggapāḷi as a historical source.
3. Evaluate the services rendered by the commentator, Buddhaghosa Thera for the development of commentarial literature.
4. Discuss the objectives of composing the Pali chronicles with examples.
5. Examine the origin and development of the Pali Sub-commentarial Literature.

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II - Part

6. Examine the diverse causes which emerged for the expanse of early Buddhist tenants into sectarian thoughts.
7. Discuss the development of the concept of *Vijñāna* (consciousness) and its functions.
8. Compare and contrast the Hīnayāna and Mahāyāna views of the analysis of matter (*Rūpa*).
9. Explain the connection between the Store Consciousness (*Ālayavijñāna*) and the Rebirth (*Punarbhava*) of the Yogācārins
10. Examine the origin and development of the concept of Buddhist Atomism.

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