



YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
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Grade - Junior Part - 1 (Preliminary)

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Subject - Dhamma

Time : 1 hour 30 minutes

Part I

(Answer all Questions - Answer Part 1 on this paper.)

1. Select the correct word or phrase to complete the sentence and underline it.
 - a. The last birth of Bodhisatva Gautama in human existence was as
 - (i) King Vessantara
 - (ii) Hermit Sumedha
 - (iii) King Makhadeva
 - (iv) King Kusa
 - b. Brahmin said 'Prince Siddhartha will definitely be a Buddha'
 - (i) Kondanna
 - (ii) Rama
 - (iii) Lakkhana
 - (iv) Dhaja
 - c. On Seeing the splendour of Prince Siddhartha the joyous utterance 'Nibbutapada' was made by
 - (i) Janapada Kalyani
 - (ii) Kisa Gotami
 - (iii) Yasodhara
 - (iv) Mara
 - d. Channa said to Prince Siddhartha "to any one born, the only thing that is certain in the world is"
 - (i) Family life
 - (ii) Wealth
 - (iii) Death
 - (v) Happiness
 - e. The main cause for holding the second Buddhist Council was
 - (i) Disunity of the sangha
 - (ii) Subaddha's words
 - (iii) The King's order
 - (iv) Ten unlawful practices of vajjian monks.
 - f. Reflecting on the impurities of human body is
 - (i) Dhammassavana
 - (ii) Bhavana
 - (iii) Samvara Sila
 - (iv) Ditthijukamma
 - g. The most prominent of the Pali Commentators of the Tripitaka in Sri Lanka was
 - (i) Arahat Mahinda
 - (ii) Arahat Ananda
 - (iii) Thera Buddhaghosa
 - (iv) Upali Thera

- h. The name of the new treatise added to the Abhidhamma Pitaka after the third Buddhist council was
- (i) Dhammasangani (ii) Kathavatthu (iii) Vibhanga (iv) Dhatukatha
- i. Metta Sutta was preached by the Buddha to a group of monks to teach them
- (i) to practise loving kindness to ward off disturbing spirits
(ii) the way to alleviate disease (iii) the Supreme Blessings
(iv) the Four Noble Truths.
- j. The Sutta that describes the qualities of the Triple Gem is
- (i) Maha Mangala Sutta (ii) Ratana Sutta
(iii) Metta Sutta (iv) Vasala Sutta
- (20 marks - 2 marks for each correct answer)

2. Fill in blanks with suitable words or phrases;

- a. The names of the three palaces built by king Suddhodana for Prince Siddhartha were
- b. The three unwholesome actions done through the door of Body (in Pali or English) are
- c. The meaning of the name 'Siddhartha' was
- d. The new Buddhist sect formed in Sri Lanka during the time of King Valagamba was
- e. The Sutta Pitaka is divided into separate collections known as
- (20 marks - 4 marks for each sub - section)

Part II

(Answer any THREE questions - write on a separate sheet of paper and annex.)

3. Set out in brief the four unwholesome deeds committed by speech.
4. What were the results of the Third Buddhist Council ?
5. Give the meaning of the mangala sutta stanza:
- Bahu saccam ca sippam ca - vinayo ca susikkhito
Subhasita ca ya vaca - etam mangala muttamam
6. Write a short account of the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka by Arahat Mahinda.
7. Describe the three types of Charity (Dana)
8. Enumerate ten virtues (either in English or Pali) to be practised by a person who wishes his welfare mentioned in the first three verses of the Karaniya Metta Sutta.

(20 marks for each answer)