

07 / HIGHER STAGE EXAM 2004

SECTION A

1. The Buddha was known as ‘Amattassa Data’ (giver of Deathlessness). Please explain clearly the Nine Virtues of the Buddha. Then elaborate why he is known as ‘Giver of the Deathlessness’ with the support from Jataka story.
2. The Buddha is often mentioned in the commentary as the “Unique Being”. What are the unique qualities and virtues of the Buddha that make Him excel above all other religious leaders and teachers during His period. Discuss.
3. Explain fully what the Buddha had achieved in His 45 years of Ministry. How His efforts had paved the way for the spread of the Dhamma after His Mahaparinibbana until the present day.

SECTION B

4. What are the Seven Factors of Enlightenment? Explain how this Seven Factors of Enlightenment will lead us to enlightenment to the realization of Nibbana.
5. The Buddha said “Anicca Vata Sankhara”; then with this wisdom, one discerns, then one is digested with ill, this is the Path to Purity, Explain clearly how a person practise Dhamma came to realization with wisdom of the verses uttered by the Buddha.
6. What are the Ten Fetters (Dasa Samyojona)? Explain clearly how one may eradicate these Fetters with the practice of Sila, Samadhi and Panna to lead us to the attainment of the Arahantship.

SECTION C

7. What are the quality & virtues of the Ven. Rahula Thero? Take an extract from the Rahulovada Sutta from Majjhima Nikaya to explain the quality & virtues.
8. Narate clearly the principle events in the life of Ven. Mahakassapa Thero from the ordination of bhikkhu until his last day of Nibbana.
9. State clearly the principle event in the Life of Arahant Sivali. What parami had he cultivated in his past life. Illustrate your answer from a Jataka story.

