

07 / HIGHER STAGE EXAM 2005

SECTION A

1. A Samma Sambuddha has 32 major characteristics in His body. What are they? Please explain the cultivation of the Paramis in His previous life as a Buddhisatta, giving the illustration from the Jataka story to give manifestation of the 32 major characteristics in His present life.
2. The Buddha was known as Omniscient One. Recount the Nine Virtues of the Buddha. Please explain clearly on each virtue and tell as why He is known as Omniscient One in this Universe with the illustration from a Jataka Story.
3. The Buddha was once asked why He had not explained the Origin of the world. He gave His reply in the Cula Malunkyaputta Sutta from the middle length Sanjung. Discuss in the context of the reply that Buddha gave.

SECTION B

4. What are the Panca Bala (Five Powers)? Explain clearly how it is inter-related between the five powers and Insight Meditation which lead us to the attainment of Enlightenment.
5. The Buddha said “Sabbe Dhamma Anattati, when this, with wisdom, one discuss, 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 is the Law of Dependent Origination (Paticca Samuppada) ? Explain clearly how the Law of Dependent Origination helps us to get an answer to whom are searching for the ending of birth, old age, sickness and death (Nibbana).

SECTION C

7. What are the Nine Virtues of the Sangha ? Explain clearly the nine virtues of the Sangha and give a Jataka story from the life of the Sangha, any one incident to show the one virtue of the Sangha.
8. Please give in detail what are the qualities and virtues Ven. Ananda Thero had to undertake and serve the Buddha as His ‘ Upatthayaka ’ (attendant monk). Explain.
9. Describe clearly how the Ven.Sariputta Thero came to realize and accept the buddha's teaching as uttered in the verses by Ven.Assaji Thero and elaborate some major incident to show that he was a filial piety son to repay the parent debt before he attained Nibbana. Explain