

SECTION A

1. 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.
2. The Buddha was known as “Amatassa Data” (Giver of Deathlessness). Please explain clearly the Nine Virtues of the Buddha, and then elaborate why He is known as “Giver of Deathlessness”, with the support from a Jataka Story.
3. A Samma Sambuddha have 32 major characteristic in His body. What are they? Please explain the cultivation of the Paramis in His previous life as a Bodhisatta; to give manifestation of the 32 major characteristics in His present life.

SECTION B

1. What are the “Seven Factors of Enlightenment”? Explain clearly how this “Seven Factors of Enlightenment” will lead us to enlightenment to the realization of Nibbana.
2. The Buddha said “Sabbe Sankhara Dukkhati”, then with this wisdom, one discerns, then one is disgusted with suffering, this is the path to purity. Explain clearly how a person practising Dhamma can come to realization with wisdom of the verses uttered by the Buddha.
3. What is the Law of Dependent Origination (Patticca Samuppada)? Explain clearly how the Patticca Samuppada helps us to get an answer from whom we are searching for the truth to end the suffering of birth, old age, sickness and death.

SECTION C

1. What are the Nine Virtues of the Sangha? Explain 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.
2. Please give in detail what are the qualities and virtues of Ven. Ananda Thero who had to undertake and serve the Buddha as His “Upathayaka” (attendant monk). Explain.
3. Narrate clearly the principle events in the life of Ven. Maha Kassapa Thero from the ordination of bhikkhu until his last day of Nibbana.