

SECTION A

1. 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.
2. Explain fully what the Buddha had achieved in His 45 years of Ministry, and how His effort had paved the way for the spread of the Dhamma after his Mahaparinibbana until this present day.
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 Majjhima Nikaya. Discuss in the context of the reply that the Buddha gave.

SECTION B

4. The Buddha said “Sabbe dhamma anattati”, that all component things are Dhamma, when one sees with wisdom, are soulless, he overcomes misery. This is the path to purity. Explain clearly how a person practising meditation can come to realization with wisdom of the verses uttered by the Buddha.
5. 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.
6. What is the Law of Dependent Origination (Paticca Samuppada)? Explain clearly how the Paticca Samuppada helps us to get an answer from where we are searching for the truth to end the suffering of birth, old age, sickness and death.

SECTION C

7. Please explain what are the qualities & virtues of Ven. Rahula Thero? Take an extract from the Rahulovada Sutta from Majjhima Nikaya to explain what the Ven. Rahula Thero learnt from the Buddha.
8. Please give in detail what qualities & virtues Ven. Ananda Thero had to undertake to serve the Buddha as His “Upatthayaka” (attendant monk), until His attainment of Mahaparinibbana. Explain clearly.
9. Narrate clearly the principle events in the life of Ven. Mahakassapa Thero from the ordination of bhikkhu until his last day of Nibbana.

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