

MBE, Higher Stage (Aug 2011)

SECTION A

1. The Buddha is often mentioned in the commentary as the “Unique Being”. What are the qualities and virtues of the Buddha that make Him excel above all other religious leaders and teachers during His period. Explain.
2. The Buddha was known as the Omniscient One. Recollect the Nine Virtues of the Buddha. Please explain clearly on each virtue and tell us why He is known as the Omniscient One in this universe with illustration from the Jataka Story.
3. 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 Bodhisatta to give manifestation of the 32 major characteristics in His present life.

SECTION B

4. In the Sigalovada Sutta, there are six directions: North, South, East, West, Nadir and Zenith. In the East direction is the son’s duties towards his parents, what are the duties mentioned in this Sutta. Please explain fully with illustration taken from the Jataka story.
5. 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.
6. What are the Ten Fetters (Dasa Samyojana)? Explain clearly how one may eradicate the Fetters with the practice of Sila, Samadhi, Panna to lead us to the attainment of the Arahanship.

SECTION C

7. What are the nine virtues of the Sangha? Explain clearly each one of the nine virtues of the Sangha and give a Jataka story from the Life of the Sangha, any one incident to illustrate the one virtue of the Sangha.
8. 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 son of filial piety to repay his parents debt before he attained Nibbana. Explain.
9. 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).