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MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

40th MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Higher Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time : 3 hours

1. There are **9** questions in this paper, divided into section A, B and C.
2. Candidates are required to answer **2** questions from each section.
3. Answer should be to the point.

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SECTION A

1. The Buddha was known as the Omniscient One. Recount 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.
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 the Jataka Story.
3. Explain fully what the Buddha had achieved in His 45 years or Ministry, and how this effort had paved the way for the spread of the Dhamma after His Mahaparinibbana until the present day.

SECTION B

4. In Sigalovada Sutta, there are six directions: North, South, East, West, Nadir & 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 from the Jataka story.
5. What is the Law of Dependent Origination? 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. The Buddha said, “Sabbe Sankhara Aniccati”, then with this wisdom, one discern, then one is disgusted with ill, this is the Path to Purity. Explain clearly how a person practicing Dhamma can come to realization with wisdom of the verses uttered by the Buddha.

SECTION C

7. 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.
8. Please give in detail what are the qualities and virtues Ven. Ananda Thero who had to undertake and serve the Buddha as His “Upathayaka” (attendant monk). Explain.
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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