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Subject: Dhamma

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Part I

(Answer all Questions – Answer Part I on this paper) (20 marks for each answer)

1. Select the correct word or phrase to complete the sentence and underline it.
- (a) Buddha Gutma received the first Affirmation (Niyata vivarana) from
(i) Buddha Dipankara (ii) Buddha Saranankara
(iii) Buddha Medhankara (iv) Buddha Tanhankara
- (b) Brahmim said "Prince Siddhartha will definitely be a Buddha"
(i) Kondanna (ii) Rama
(iii) Lakkhana (iv) Dhaja
- (c)was not one of the four visions that Prince Siddhartha saw on his way to the part with Channa.
(i) An old man (ii) A poor man
(iii) A sick man (iv) A dead body
- (d) Channa said to Prince Siddhartha "to any one born, the only thing that is certain in the world is
(i) Family life (ii) Wealth (iii) Death (iv) Happiness
- (e) The main cause for holding the second Buddhist Council was
(i) Disunity of the Sangha (ii) Subaddha's words
(iii) The king's order (iv) Ten unlawful practices of vajjian monks
- (f) Reflecting on the impurities of human body is
(i) Dhammassavana (ii) Bhavana
(iii) Samvara sila (iv) Dittijukamma
- (g) A novice in the Buddhist sangha (Samanera) is required to observe precepts.
(iii) Ten (ii) Eight (iii) Five (iv) Two hundred and twenty
- (h) The name of the new treatise added to the Abhidhamma Pitaka after the Third Buddhist Council was.....
(i) Dhammassngani (ii) Kathavatthu
(iii) Vibhanga (iv) Dhatukatha
- (i) The item that does not come under four requisites of a Bhikkhu (catu paccaya) is
(i) Robes (ii) Money (iii) Medicine (iv) Shelter
- (j) The Sutta that describes the qualities of the Triple Gem is
(i) Maha Mangala Sutta (ii) Ratana Sutta
(ii) Metta Sutta (iv) Vasala Sutta

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words or phases:
- King Suddhodana worshipped Prince Siddhartha for the second time at the
 - Of the five great observations (Vilokana) made by the Bodhisatta from Tusita heaven one was “kala” (time) the other four were
 - The meaning of the name ‘siddhartha’ was
 - The new Buddhist sect formed in Sri Lanka during the time of King Valagamba was
 - According to Dhammapada – vigilance is the path to
Negligence is the path to.....

(20 marks - 4 marks for each sub-section)

Part II

***Answer any THREE questions – write on a separate sheet of paper and annex**

- What did Kisagotami say when she saw Prince Siddhartha passing by her residence?
- What were the results of the Third Buddhist Council?
- Give the meaning of the mangala sutta stanza:
Asevana ca balanam - panditanam ca sevana
Puja ca pujaniyanam - etam mangalamuttamam
- Write a short account of the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka by Arahat Mahinda.
- What steps were taken to preserve the teachings of the Buddha after the passing away of the Buddha?

(20 marks for each answer)