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COLOMBO, SRI LANKA  
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Subject: Dhamma

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**(Attach part I to your answer script for part II)**

**Part I**

**Answer all questions.**

1. Underline the word or phrase that would fill the blank correctly.
  - (a) Ascetic Gotama promised to King Bimbisara .....
    - (i) to make his first visit to the Kingdom after Enlightenment
    - (ii) to rule the Kingdom jointly with the King.
    - (iii) To reside permanently in the Kingdom of Magadha.
  - (b) After Enlightenment Buddha contemplated on Patthāna of the Abhidhamma Pitaka during
    - (i) the third week
    - (ii) the fourth week
    - (iii) fifth week
  - (c) The first lay follower to take refuge in the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha was .....
    - (i) householder Yasa
    - (ii) father of Yasa
    - (iii) Upaka Ajivaka
  - (d) The first Buddhist Council was held under the patronage of .....
    - (i) King Ajatasattu
    - (ii) King Asoka
    - (iii) King Vattagamini
  - (e) The four grave offences of the Vinaya Pitaka causing a Bhikkhu to lose the status of a Bhikkhu are called.....
    - (i) Parajika offences
    - (ii) Sanghadisesa offences
    - (iii) Pacittiya offences
  - (f) The sixth Great Buddhist Council (1954-56) was held in the city of .....
    - (i) Mandalay
    - (ii) Rangoon (Yangon)
    - (iii) Pataliputra
  - (g) Dhammapada Stanza 204, first line, reads "Arogya paramā labhā" .... According to this line, the highest gift of human is .....
    - (i) contentment
    - (ii) health
    - (iii) trustfulness
  - (h) The recording of Tripitaka in writing was done in Sri Lanka at .....
    - (i) Mahavihara
    - (ii) Aloka Vihara in Matale
    - (iii) Abhayagiri Viharaya

- (i) The first monastery offered to the Buddha was .....
- (i) Jetavanarama      (ii) Veluvanarama      (iii) Nigrodharama
- (j) The knowledge that gives the ability to know anything in the universe whether past, present or future is called .....
- (i) Asayanusaya Nana      (ii) Sabbannuta Nana  
(iii) Anavarana Nana

(20 marks – two marks for each answer)

### Part II

**Answer any FOUR questions – Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach)**

2. What did Ascetic Gotama say to himself when he felt a distaste to the food he received by begging a few days after Renunciation?
3. What was Buddha's reply when Upaka Ajivaka asked the Buddha while on his way to Isipatana. "Who is your teacher? Whose doctrine do you stick to?"
4. Give an account of any one of the Buddha's visit to Sri Lanka.
5. Explain **one** of the four Brahma Viharas.
6. Enumerate the Ten Perfections (Paramita) and narrate a birth story of the Buddha to illustrate one perfection.
7. Write short notes (four sentences) on any **two** of the following:
  - (i) Right Livelihood (Samma Ajiva)      (ii) Dhamma cakkap[avattama Sutta
  - (iii) Venerable Rahula      (v) Prajapathi Gotami
  - (iv) Vinaya Pitaka

(20 marks for each answer)