

**YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION
COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
2557 – DHAMMA EXAMINATION – 2013**

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Grade – Junior Part 1

Date: 30th June 2013

Subject – Dhamma

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

(Attach part 1 to your answer script for part – II)

(Answer all questions)

Part - 1

1. Underline the word or phrase that would complete the sentences correctly.

- (a) Ascetic Gotama gave up austerities and chose the Middle Path because
- (i) the five ascetics advised him to do so.
 - (ii) he was convinced that they would not lead to Enlightenment
 - (iii) he could not pursue them any more.
- (b) The first lay disciples who embraced Buddhism by taking the refuge of Buddha and Dhamma were
- (i) Kolitha and Upatissa
 - (ii) Tapassu and Bhalluka
 - (iii) Yasa and his father
- (c) Buddha's first visit to Sri Lanka was to
- (i) Nagadipa
 - (ii) Kelaniya
 - (iii) Mahiyangana
- (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 first discourse delivered by Arahata Mahinda in Sri Lanka was
- (i) Dhamma Cakkappavattana Sutta
 - (ii) Culla Hatthipadopama Sutta
 - (iii) Maha Mangala Sutta
- (g) Dhammapada stanza 204, first line, reads. "Arogya parama Labha". According to this line, the highest gift of human beings is
- (i) Contentment
 - (ii) health
 - (iii) trustfulness
- (h) "Of all things that proceed from a cause, the cause the Tathagata has told, and also how these cease to be, this too the Great monk has told."

These words were uttered by

- (i) Buddha to Upaka Ajivaka
- (ii) Ven. Assaji to wandering ascetics Upatissa
- (iii) Ven. Sariputta to Bhikkhu Rahula.

(i) Vessantara Jataka illustrates how Bodhisatva Gautama fulfilled the perfection (Parami) of

- (i) Nekkhamma (Renunciation)
- (ii) Dana (Generosity)
- (iii) Sila (Morality)

(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 = 2 marks for each answer)

PART – II

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

2. What was Buddha's reply to King Suddhodhana when he asked the Buddha who was begging for alms in the street. "Why are you putting us to shame? Do you want to show the citizens of Kapilavastu that we have not enough food in the palace to feed you and your disciples?"
3. Why did the Buddha first hesitate to establish an Order of Nuns (Bhikkhunis)?
4. Give an account of any one of the Buddha's visits 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.
 - a) Venerable Ananda
 - b) Dhamma cakkappavattana Sutta
 - c) Samantakuta (Sri Pada)
 - d) Prajapathi Gotami
 - e) Right Thought (Samma sankappa)
8. Explain how the Buddha utilised his Maha Karuna Samapatti Nana (the knowledge that generates Great Compassion) to liberate beings from suffering.

(20 marks for each answer)
