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COLOMBO, SRI LANKA  
2552 Dhamma Examination 2008

Grade: Senior Part I (Senior)  
Subject: Dhamma

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**Answer FIVE (5) questions**

1. State the five propositions put forward by Devadatta to the Buddha regarding the monastic life of the Bhikkhus.  
  
Why did the Buddha reject them?
2. State the eight conditions subject to which Ananda Thera accepted appointment as the Chief Attendant of the Buddha.
3. State five factors of downfall mentioned by the Buddha in the Parabhava Sutta.
4. Explain the four-fold classification of kamma according to the time of operation of vipaka (result) – (in which birth ect.)
5. State the duties attaching to each party towards the other in the case of **either**
  - (i) Children and parents or
  - (ii) Pupils and teachers mentioned by the Buddha in the Sigalovada Sutta
6. Explain the five Hindrances (panca Nivarana)
7. Narrate two attempts made by Devadatta to harm the Buddha.
8. Write short notes (3 – sentences) on any three of the following.
  - (i) Nigantha Nathaputta
  - (ii) Kathina civara (Rain retreat robe)
  - (iii) Kalyana Mittata (association with virtuous friends)
  - (iv) Vinaya sikkhapada (Rules of discipline for monks)
  - (v) Brahma Vihara (Divine abidings)

(20 Marks for each answer)