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COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2556 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2012

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Grade - Basic Stage Date : 17 June - 2012
Subject - Life of the Buddha and Buddha Dhamma Time : 1 hour 30 minutes

Part I

(Answer all questions - Give your answers in this paper itself)

1. State whether the following statements are right (✓) or wrong (X) and mark within the brackets.

- (a) Nibbutapada (Nibbuta words) were uttered by Yasodara ()
(b) Prajapathi Gotami became a bhikkhuni and attained Arahantship ()
(c) Buddha preached the first discourse at Isipatana ()
(d) 'Ehi passika' as a feature of dhamma means 'can be examined' ()
(e) Offering alms to Bhikkhus is a form of Dhamma dana ()

(20 marks - 4 marks for each section)

2. Underline the suitable word or phrase that would complete the sentence correctly.

- (a) A Bodhisatva means
(i) He who is to become a Buddha (ii) A Buddhist monk
(iii) A Layman observing Eight precepts
- (b) In the Maha Mangala Sutta Buddha preached
(i) the Supreme Blessings of a good life (ii) the Four Noble Truths
(iii) the ten meritorious deeds
- (c) Sage Asitha worshipped baby Siddhartha because
(i) He loved the baby
(ii) He saw thirty two special marks on the baby's body.
(iii) He wanted to respect the king's son.
- (d) The Buddha advised the first sixty Arahants
(i) to live in the forest
(ii) to wander forth for the good of the gods and humans
(iii) to practise austerities
- (e) The first two lay disciples of the Buddha were
(i) Sariputta and Moggallana (ii) Tapassu and Bhalluka
(iii) Bimbisara and Kosala

(20 marks - 4 marks for each section)

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3. Fill in the blanks with suitable words or phrases.
- (a) Freeing an animal meant to be killed for food by paying money is dana.
 - (b) The term 'Renunciation' means
 - (c) Esala pageant is held in Kandy in honour of the of the Buddha.
 - (d) Ujupatipanna as a quality of the sangha means
 - (e) Arahat Mahinda arrived in Sri Lanka on a Full moon poya day.
- (20 marks – 4 marks for each section)

Part II

4. Write five sentences on any one of the following.
- (a) Ploughing Ceremony
 - (b) The Vesak Full Moon Day Festival
 - (c) Austerities of Prince Siddhartha
5. Give the meaning of the Pali stanza used to worship the father (Vuddhikaro alingitva)
6. Mention five 'Blessing s' from 'Maha Mangala Sutta'
7. Give in English the meaning of the Five Precepts (Panca Sila)
8. Mention three acts that can be described as 'dhamma dana'
- (20 marks for each answer)
