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COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
2557 DHAMMA EXAMINATION - 2013

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Grade - Basic Stage

Date : 30th June - 2013

Subject - Life of the Buddha and Buddha Dhamma

Time : 1 hour 30 mins

Part - 1

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

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

- (a) Prince Siddhartha was born in King Suddhodhana's palace ()
(b) Offering alms and robes to a Bhikkhu is Amisa dana ()
(c) "Untouchables" in India were people of low caste ()
(d) King Suddhodana prepared his son for Buddhahood ()
(e) Buddha delivered the first sermon to Sariputta & Moggallana ()

(20 marks = 4 marks for each correct answer)

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

(a) The 'Great Renunciation' of Prince Siddhartha was

- (i) the event of leaving the palace.
(ii) the Prince's marriage.
(iii) Enlightenment as a Buddha.

(b) Kamasukhallikanuyoga is

- (i) the Path of torturing oneself by difficult practices.
(ii) the Path of satisfying the sense desires.
(iii) the Middle Path.

(c) The Buddha advised the first sixty monks to

- (i) live in the forest.
(ii) wander forth for the good of the many.
(iii) to practise austerities.

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- (d) Preaching the Dhamma is an act of
- (i) Amisa dana
 - (ii) Abhaya dana
 - (iii) Dhamma dana
- (e) The line "panditanam ca sevana" of Mangala Sutta means
- (i) Keep away from fools.
 - (ii) Keep company with the wise.
 - (iii) Honour those worthy of honour.

(20 marks = 4 marks for each correct answer)

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable words or phrases to complete the sentence correctly.

- (a) The title of the Buddha's First Sermon was
- (b) The Sila practised regularly by lay persons is called
- (c) "Svakkhato" as a feature of Dhamma means
- (d) One unwholesome act done through the 'Door' of Thought (mano) is
- (e) Buddha's two Chief Disciples were

(20 marks = 4 marks for each correct answer)

Part - 11

(Answer any TWO questions - Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach)

4. Write four sentences on any ONE of the following.

- (i) Renunciation of Prince Siddhartha
- (ii) The Vesak Full Moon Poya Day
- (iii) The practice of Charity (Dana)

5. Give the meaning of the Five precepts (Panca Sila)

6. Mention five "Supreme Blessings" mentioned in the Mangala Sutta.

7. Describe any ONE of the following

- (i) The Ploughing Ceremony.
- (ii) The 'Esala Perahera' held in Kandy.
- (iii) Austerities of ascetic Gotama

(20 marks for each answer)