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Subject : Life of the Buddha and Buddha Dhamma

Time : 1 hour 30 mints

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 and bred in North India ()
(b) Niganthas and Jainas were followers of the Buddha ()
(c) 'Siddhartha' means 'One whose aims will be achieved' ()
(d) King Suddhodana prepared his son for Buddhahood ()
(e) Buddha preached the First Sermon at Buddha Gaya ()

(20 marks - 4 marks for each correct answer)

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

- (a) 'Poson Festival' is celebrated in Sri Lanka to commemorate
(i) the Enlightenment of the Buddha
(ii) the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka
(iii) the preaching of the First sermon, Dhammacakkappavattana sutta
- (b) "Kama sukhallikanuyoga" is
(i) the Path of torturing oneself by difficult practices.
(ii) the Path of satisfying the sense desires.
(iii) the Middle Path
- (c) "Bhavana" in Buddhist practice is
(i) meditation practised to gain tranquillity of mind
(ii) the act of conferring merit in the dead
(iii) the act of listening to the Dhamma
- (d) Saving a cow from being slaughtered for meat is an act of
(i) Amisa dana
(ii) Abhaya dana
(iii) Dhamma dana

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(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 two Chief Disciples of the Buddha wereand
- (c) Buddha gazed at the Bodhi Tree after Enlightenment to show his
- (d) Buddha sent out the first sixty monks to
- (e) "satta devamanussanam" in the Salutation to the Buddha means

(20 marks - 4 marks for each correct answer)

PART - II

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

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

- (i) The two Chief Disciples of the Buddha
- (ii) The Vesak Full Moon Poya Day.
- (iii) The practice of Charity (Dana)

5. Mention three things that King Suddhodana did to make Prince Siddhartha's life happy in the palace.

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

7. Describe the ' Ploughing Ceremony' of King Suddhodana.

(20 marks for each answer)
