

07 / HIGHER STAGE EXAM 2003

SECTION A

1. The Buddha was known as Omniscient One. Recount the Nine Virtues of the Buddha. Please write on each virtue and explain why He is known as Omniscient One in this universe with the illustration from a Jataka story.
2. A Samma Sambuddha has 32 major characteristics in His body. What are they? Please explain the cultivation of the Paramis in His previous life as a Boddhisatta, giving the illustration from the Jataka story to give manifestation of the 32 major characteristics in His present life.
3. The Buddha is often mentioned in the commentary as the “Unique Being”. What are the unique qualities and virtues of the Buddha that make Him excel above all other religious leaders and teachers during His period. Discuss.

SECTION B

4. What are the Panca Bala (Five Powers) ? Explain clearly how it is inter-related between the five powers and Insight Meditation which lead us to the attainment of Enlightenment.
5. What are the Ten Fetters (Dasa Samyojana) ? Explain clearly how one may eradicate these Fetters with the practice of Silā, Samadhi and Pañña to lead us to the attainment of the Arahantship.
6. What is the Law of Dependent Origination (Paticca Samuppada) ? Explain clearly how the Law helps us to get an answer to whom we are searching for the ending of birth, old age, sickness and death (Nibbana).

SECTION C

7. Please give in detail what are the qualities and virtues Ven. Ananda Thero had to undertake and serve the Buddha as His ‘Upatthayaka’ (attendant monk). Explain.
8. Narate clearly the principle events in the life of Ven. Mahakassapa Thero from the ordination of Bhikkhu until his last day of Nibbana.
9. What are the Nine Virtues of the Sangha ? Explain clearly the nine virtues of the Sangha and give a Jataka story from the life of the Sangha, any one incident to show the one virtue of the Sangha.