

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

49th MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Higher Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time: **3 hours**

1. This paper consists of **12 Questions** divided into **Sections A, B, C and D**.
2. Candidates are required to answer **5 Questions**.
3. It is compulsory to answer **1 Question from each Section**.
4. For your **5th Question**, you can choose from **any Section**.
5. Answers should be relevant to the question.

Section A

1. What are the Nine Virtues of the Buddha?
Explain clearly these virtues and the purpose of recollecting these virtues in our daily practice.
2. Describe some major events in the life of the Buddha to illustrate that He had served humanity selflessly during His forty-five years of meritorious missionary work.
3. Give a brief account of the First Buddhist Council and highlight its importance in the history of Buddhism. Include in your answer when and where the First Buddhist Council took place and who initiated this Council and the reason to do so.

Section B

4. What are the Six Virtues of the Dhamma?
Explain clearly these virtues and the purpose of recollecting these virtues in our daily practice.
5. What are the Three Characteristics of Existence?
Explain briefly these three characteristics and what is their relevance in our daily lives.
6. Explain in detail the Four Noble Truths as taught by the Buddha and show how the realisation of these Truths will lead us to freedom from suffering.

Section C

7. What are the Nine Virtues of the Sangha?
Explain clearly these virtues and the purpose of recollecting these virtues in our daily practice.
8. What are the special qualities and virtues of Venerable Sariputta which led to his becoming the Chief Disciple of the Buddha foremost in wisdom.
Give evidence from the events of Venerable Sariputta's life.
9. Describe clearly the virtues and qualities of Anathapindika which qualified him as the chief male patron of the Sangha led by the Buddha.

Section D

10. As a Buddhist, why should we uphold the Five Precepts?
Explain why it is very important to uphold the fifth precept in order to prevent one from breaking the other four precepts.
11. What are the teachings of the Buddha on filial piety and gratitude?
Support your answer with evidence from the Suttas.
12. What is mental cultivation?
Describe in brief the two main methods of Buddhist meditation and their benefits.

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