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MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

42nd MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Higher Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time : **3** hours

1. There are **9** questions in this paper, divided into sections A, B and C.
2. Candidates are required to answer **2** questions from each section.
3. Answer should be to the point.

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SECTION A

1. The Buddha was known as “Amatassa Data” (Giver of Deathlessness). Please explain clearly the Nine Virtues of the Buddha, then elaborate why He is known as “Giver of Deathlessness” with the support from a Jakata story.
2. Explain fully what the Buddha had achieved in His 45 years of Ministry. How His efforts paved the way for the spreading of the Dhamma after His Mahaparinibbana until the present day.
3. The Buddha was known as Omniscient One. What are the Nine Virtues of the Buddha? Please explain clearly on each virtue and tell us why He is known as Omniscient One in this Universe with illustration from the Jakata story.

SECTION B

4. What is the Law of Dependent Origination? Explain clearly how the Dependent Origination helps us to get an answer from where we are searching for the truth to end the suffering of birth, old age, sickness and death.
5. In Sigalovada Sutta, there are six directions: North, South, East, West, Nadir and Zenith. In the East direction is the son’s duties towards his parents. What are these duties mentioned in this Sutta? Please explain fully with illustration from the Jataka story.
6. What are the Ten Fetters (Dasa Samyojana)? Explain clearly how one may eradicate these fetters with the practice of Sila, Samadhi & Pañña to lead us to attain Arahantship.

SECTION C

7. What are the Nine Virtues of the Sangha? Explain clearly each one of the Nine Virtues of the Sangha and give a Jataka story from the life of Sangha, any one incident to show one virtue of the Sangha.
8. Describe clearly how the Ven. Sariputta Thero came to realize and accept the Buddha’s teaching as uttered in the verses by Ven. Assaji Thero and elaborate some major incident to show that he was a son of filial piety to repay his parents’ debt before he attained Nibbana. Explain.
9. State clearly the principle event in the life of Arahant Sivali . What parami had he cultivated in his past life? Illustrate your answer from a Jataka story.

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