

PALI - PAPER II

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

Candidates may use Devanagari or Roman or Bengali script in their answers, quotations or expressions in Pali.

GROUP - A

Answer Question No.5 and any two from the rest.

1. Give a brief account of the various texts constituting the Vinayapiṭaka. 30
2. Estimate the contribution of Buddhaghosa to the development of commentarial literature in Pali. 30
3. Discuss the mutual relations of the first four Nikayas. 30
4. (a) Give a short account of the religious condition prevalent in Northern India at the time of the rise of Buddhism. 30

OR

- (b) State briefly the circumstances that led to the summoning of the First Buddhist Council and estimate its effect on Buddhism. 30
5. Write short notes on any four of the following : 10x4
 - a) Therīgāthā
 - b) Petavatthu
 - c) Jātaka
 - d) Paṭṭhāna
 - e) Rūpārūpa vibhāga
 - f) Puggalapāññatti

GROUP - B

Attempt all questions.

Answers in this Group should be in Pali.

6. a) Summarise the contents of the citta-vagga or Pupphavagga of the Dhammapada. 30
 - b) Explain any one of the following extracts with reference to the context :- 30
 - i) Yo cāyam kāmesu kāmasukhallikānuyogo hīno gammo puthujjāniko anariyo anatthasamhito,...
 - ii) Katam' assa cattāro kamma-kilesā pahinā honti ?
7. a) Attempt a critical note on the nature of Alaṅkara. 20
 - b) Explain with appropriate example any two of the following metres :- 10x2
 - i) Silesopamā
 - ii) Samānopamā
 - iii) Aññamaññopamā
 - iv) Dhammopamā