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PALI
PAPER-I

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 Devnagari or Roman or Bengali Script in their answers, quotations or expressions in Pali.

Group-A

1. Write a note on the Origin and Homeland of Pali. 12
2. Write a comprehensive note on the Śaurasenī Prākṛit. 20

Or,

Write a note on the chief characteristic features of Pali.

3. Explain any three of the following phonetic tendencies in Pali, with suitable examples: 6×3=18
 - (a) Assimilation
 - (b) Metathesis
 - (c) Compensation
 - (d) Haplology
 - (e) Epenthesis

Group-B

4. What is Niggahīta? Write a note on the Niggahīta-Sandhi in Pali. 18
5. Show the various uses either of the 4th or the 6th case-endings in Pali. 12
6. (a) Decline fully any one of the following: 5
Latā, Sādhu, Amha.
(b) Conjugate fully any one of the following: 5
√Pac in the Optative Mood;
√Kar in the Aorist;
√thā in the Bhavissanti.
(c) Give the Pali equivalents of the following Sanskrit words (any five): 2×5=10
Ārya, mārga, sanskr̥ta, parokṣā, saṅkleśa, aṣṭāṅgika, Śrāvastī, Kuśīnagara, Kṛṣā Gautamī.

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Group-C

7. Translate into English *either* of the following two passages adding grammatical notes on the words underlined: 10+4=14
- (a) Idha Doṇo brāhmaṇo ubhato sujāto hoti, mātito ca pitito ca, saṃsuddhagahaniko yāva sattamā pitāmahayugā akkhitto anupakkṭṭho jātivadena. So aṭṭhacattālīsa-vassāni komāra-brahmacariyaṃ carati mante adhiyāno.
- (b) Tena kho pana samayena Bimbisāro ca Pasenadi-Kosalo aññamaññaṃ bhaginipatikā honti. Ath' ekadivasaṃ Kosalarājā cintesī: "Bimbisārassa vijito pañca amitabhogā vasanti mayhaṃ vijito eko pi tādiso n'atthi. yan-nūnāhaṃ Bimbisārassa santikaṃ gantvā ekaṃ mahāpuññaṃ yāceyyaṃ" ti.
8. Translate into English of the following two verses adding grammatical notes on the underlined words: 10+4=14
- (a) Sabbapāpassa akaraṇaṃ kusalyass' upasampadā sacitta-pariyodapanā etāṃ Buddhāna sāsanaṃ.
- (b) Phandaṇaṃ capalaṃ cittaṃ, dūrakkhaṃ dunnivārayaṃ ujum karoti medhāvi usukāro'va tejanaṃ.
9. Translate into Pali of the following two passages: 22
- (a) Savatthi was the capital of Kosala and one of the great cities of India during Buddha's life-time. It lay on the banks of the Aciravati river. It was 45 leagues north-west of Rajagaha and 6 or 7 leagues from Saketa. It is said that Buddha spent 25 rainy seasons in Savatthi-nineteen of them in Jetavana and six in Pubbarama.
- (b) Prince Abhaya was a son of king Bimbisara. His mother was Padumavati, a courtesan of Ujjeni. At the age of seven Abhaya was sent by his mother to the king's palace where he grew up with other princes. He first came under the influence of Nigaṇṭha Nātaputta, but later he became a follower of Buddha.

Group-D

10. Write an essay in Pali on any one of the following: 50
- (a) Bodhisatta
- (b) Majjhima patipadā
- (c) Paṭiccasamuppāda

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