

2021
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 *Devnagari* 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 Abhidhamma Pitaka. 30
2. Where and under what circumstances was the First Buddhist Council held? Give an account of the council, pointing out its effect on the Buddhist Samgha. 30
3. Write an informative essay on the Milindapañha. 30
4. Write a critical note on the causes of the decline of Buddhism in India. 30
5. Write short notes on any four of the following: 10×4=40
 - (a) Theragāthā
 - (b) Buddhavaṃsa
 - (c) Aśoka the Great
 - (d) Dhammapada
 - (e) Rājagaha
 - (f) Sabbatthivāda

Group-B

Attempt all questions.

Answers in this group should be given in *Pali*.

6. (a) Summarise the contents of either the Khaggavisāna-sutta or Karaṇīyametta-sutta of the Suttanipāta. 30

or

Summarise the contents of the Appamādavagga or the Ambapāli Theri.

- (b) Discuss the importance of the Dhammacakkapavattana-Sutta in the history of Buddhism.

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or

Attempt a critical estimate of the contents of the Dasaratha-Jātaka.

7. (a) Write what do you know about the Vuttodaya *or* the Subodhālankāra? 20

(b) Explain with appropriate examples *any two* of the following: 10×2=20

(i) Tanumajjhā

(ii) Mālinī

(iii) Vasantatilaka

(iv) Dhammopamā

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