

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

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 Pali Abhidhammapitaka. 30
2. Estimate the contribution of Acariya Buddhaddatta to the development of Pali Commentarial literature. 30
3. Give a short account of the religious conditions prevalent in Northern India during the advent of the Buddha. 30
4. State briefly the circumstances that led to the summoning of the Third Buddhist Council and estimate its effect on Buddhism. 30
5. Write short notes on any four of the following :
  - (a) Theragāthā
  - (b) Vimānavatthu
  - (c) Patisambhidāmagga
  - (d) Apadāna
  - (e) Rūpārūpa-vibhāga
  - (f) Pācittiya Pāli

10x4

GROUP - B

Attempt all questions.

Answers in this Group should be in Pali

6. (a) Summarise the contents either of the Appamāda-vagga or the Magga-vagga of the Pali Dhammapada. 30
- (b) Summarise the contents of the Padhāna-sutta of the Suttanipāta.

Or

Brief a brief account how the Sakiyas were annihilated. 30

7. (a) Write, in brief, about the author of Subodhālaṅkāra. 20
- (b) Explain with appropriate example any two of the following mītras :

- (i) Toṭaka
- (ii) Mālinī
- (iii) Vasantatilaka
- (iv) Indavamā