

YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

2547, Dhamma Examination - 2003

GRADE : Preliminary
SUBJECT : Dhamma

DATE : 29th June 2003
TIME : 1 hr. 30 mns.

(Attach Part I to your answer paper for Part II)

Part I

Answer all questions.

State whether each of these sentences is right (✓) or wrong (X). Mark each with the correct sign.

01. The Bodhisatva Prince was born in Kapilavatthu. ^{Lumbini Park} (X)
02. The Bodhisatva Prince was of the warrior (Khattiya) clan. (✓)
03. The mother of Bodhisatva died seven weeks after His birth. ^{days} (X)
04. Prince Siddhartha got married at the age of 16 years. (✓)
05. Rahula was born 13 years after their marriage. ^{Siddhartha age 29} (✓)

Select the correct name from the given list and fill in the blanks in the sentences.

(Asita, ^{Teacher when he got became a Ascetic} Alarakalama, Channa, Nalaka, Kondanna, ^{2nd Father when he became Ascetic} Uddakarama, Sarvamitra, Bhargava, Kaludayi)

06. Brahmin ^{Playmate of Buddha} seeing the bodily characteristics of the newborn Bodhisatva Prince said, "Undoubtedly this Prince will attain Buddhahood"
07. The Bodhisatva Prince received the first obeisance (worship) from Ascetic ^{Asita}
08. Brahmin ^{Kondanna} trained the Bodhisatva Prince in the Royal arts. ^(nephew of Asita)
09. ^{Nalaka} was the first to be a monk for the sake of the future Buddha.
10. ^{Channa} was the friend and charioteer of Prince Siddhartha.

Part II

Answer four questions only.

01. Write five sentences to describe the luxurious life led by Prince Siddhartha.
02. Explain what happened in the sowing ceremony of King Suddhodana.
03. What actions did King Suddhodana take to prevent Siddhartha from leaving the family life?
04. When and where was the first Buddhist Council held? What were the causes?
05. Write short notes on any 5 of the following.
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| (a) Four visions | (b) Putta darassa sangaho | (c) King Suddhodana |
| (d) Lumbini Park | (e) River Anoma | (f) Prajapati Gotami |