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SECTION A

1. The Buddha is often mentioned in the commentary as the “Unique Being”. What are the unique qualities and virtues of the Buddha that make Him excel above all other religious leaders and teachers during His period. Explain.
2. The Buddha was known as the Omniscient One. Recount the Nine Virtues of the Buddha. Please explain clearly on each virtue and tell us why He is known as the Omniscient One in this universe with illustration from the Jataka Story.
3. Explain fully what the Buddha had achieved in His 45 years or ministry, and how His effort had paved the way for the spread of the Dhamma after His Mahaparinibbana until the present day.

SECTION B

4. What is the Law of Dependent Origination (Paticca Samuppada)? Explain clearly how the Paticca Samuppada helps us to get an answer from where we are searching for the truth to end the suffering of birth, old age, sickness and death.
5. What are the ‘Seven Factors of Enlightenment’? Explain clearly how this ‘Seven Factors of Enlightenment’ will lead us to enlightenment to the realization of Nibbana.
6. What are the Ten Fetters (Dasa Samyojana)? Explain clearly how one may eradicate these Fetters with the practice of Sila, Samadhi & Pañña to lead us to attain Arahantship.

SECTION C

7. Describe clearly how the Ven. Sariputta Thero came to realize and accept the Buddha’s teaching as uttered in the verses by Ven. Assaji Thero and elaborate some major incident to show that he was a son of filial piety to repay his parents’ debt before he attained Nibbana. Explain.
8. What are the nine virtues of the Sangha? Explain clearly each one of the nine virtues of the Sangha and give a Jataka story from the Life of the Sangha, any one incident to show the one virtue of the Sangha.
9. Please give in detail what are the qualities and virtues Ven. Ananda Thero had to undertake to serve the Buddha as His “Upathayaka” (attendant monk) until His attainment of Mahaparinibbana. Explain clearly.

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