

**MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE**

**41<sup>st</sup> MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION**

**( Higher Stage )**

**THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA**

Time : **3** hours

1. There are **9** questions in this paper, divided into section A, B and C.
2. Candidates are required to answer **2** questions from each section.
3. Answer should be to the point.

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## **SECTION A**

1. Please 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.
2. The Buddha was known as the ‘Omniscient One’. Recollect 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. 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. Discuss.

## **SECTION B**

4. What is the Law of Dependent Origination? Explain clearly how the Dependent Origination 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. In Sigalovada Sutta, there are six directions: North, South, East, West, Nadir and Zenith. In the East direction is the son’s duties towards his parents. What are these duties mentioned in this Sutta? Please explain fully with illustration from the Jataka story.
6. What are the Ten Fetters? Please explain clearly how one may eradicate these Fetters with the practice of Sila, Samadhi & Pa ñña to lead us to attain Arahantship.

## **SECTION C**

7. State clearly the principle event in the life of Arahant Sivali. What parami had he cultivated in his past life. Illustrate your answer from a Jataka story.
8. What are the nine virtues of the Sangha? Explain 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. 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.

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