

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

2018/2019 Academic Year B. A. (Special) Degree - 2000 Level
1st Semester Examination - October/November 2019

BPH 21633/21533 - Early Buddhist Philosophical Schools

Answer **Four (04)** questions only.

Time: 03 Hours

01. Examine the different backgrounds which caused to convene the Buddhist Councils to protect the Sāsana from existed chaotic situations.
02. Discuss the main features in which Buddhist Schools differ from each other.
03. How do you understand the separation of the Saṅgha into two major philosophical traditions; *Sthaviravāda* and *Mahāsaṅghika*? Elucidate this with special reference to the second Buddhist council.
04. "Acceptance of the method of Critical Investigation and freedom in thinking of Buddhist Philosophy has led its Saṅgha community to divide themselves into many philosophical traditions" Do you agree with this statement? Argue.
05. Explain the idea of '*Sarvam Asti*' (Everything exists) of *Sarvastivāda* School by giving your attention to its philosophical significances.
06. What philosophical aspects do you find in the teaching of the *Sautrantika* School? Discuss.
07. Elucidate the philosophy of *Mādhyamika* School with respect to the concept of *Śūnyatā* (voidness).
08. Write short notes on **any three** of the following.
 - (a) Concept of Bodhisatva
 - (b) Hīnayāna and Mahāyāna
 - (c) Yogācāra philosophy
 - (d) Concept of Trikāya
 - (e) The five Propositions of Mahādeva Bhikkhu

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