

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR END EXAMINATION IN ARTS (ONLINE), SEMESTER I – 2020/2021

BST 2121 - LITERARY SOURCES AND TRADITIONS IN BUDDHISM I

(PALI & PRAKIT)

OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION

Instructions to Students:

- The question paper starts on page 2.
- All written assessments must be **handwritten**. Handwriting must be **clear and readable**.
- Answers should be written on an **A4 size paper** (ruled/lined paper/or otherwise), using a **black ball point pen**.
- The **index number must be written on the top right-hand side** of each page of the answer script. Do not write your name anywhere on the answer script.
- **Number the pages** of the answer script using the following format at the **bottom of the page**: E.g., if it consists of 5 pages 1/5, 2/5...etc.
- Use the **common front page** (provided on LMS) as the first page of the answer script. You may print, or hand write the front page which must be the first page of your assessment.
- The **total number of pages** should be indicated on the front page of the answer script.
- **Scan/take photos of the answer script and convert it to a single PDF file** in the order of the page numbers.
- The full page of the answer script must be properly covered in the scanned image, and the scanned image must be clear/readable.
- LMS does not permit individual pages to be uploaded separately.
- **The only acceptable file format is PDF. The PDF file should be named with your index number**, e.g. A 12345
- Uploading answer scripts as JPEG/JPG or any other form will not be permitted.
- Complete and upload the final version of the answer script to LMS **within the stipulated 5 hours**
- Once the answer script has been uploaded to LMS, take **a screen shot of the full page** of the LMS with the word 'submitted', as an acknowledgement and keep it with you.
- **If** there is an **unexpected technical issue** with the uploading of an answer script to LMS, you may send your answer script via email to exam2@arts.cmb.ac.lk immediately.

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Answer three (03) questions only

All questions carry **equal marks** (20 Marks for each question)

Word limit for the each question should not be more than 1000 words.

1. Examine the suttas in brief that reveal the Buddhist attitude towards diverse of the community.
2. Demonstrate the identity of the Pali Chronicles and discuss the importance of the Dīpavaṃsa in understanding the sectarian of the Buddha Sāsana early and later period of the 3rd Buddhist council.
3. Describe why the primary sources are prominent than the secondary for the scholarly works in Buddhist studies.
4. Point out the significance of Prākṛit sources of Jain in studying the ascetic life of Siddhartha historically.
5. “Pali commentaries are not crucial sources to understand the word of the Buddha” agree to disagree.
