

University of Colombo
Faculty of Arts
First Year Degree Examination in Arts
First Semester – 2019/2020
BST 1101 - An Introduction to Buddhist Studies
(Two Hours)

Answer any **three (03)** questions.

1. Explain the differences between religiously studying religion and academically studying religion.
2. Explain the differences between Pariyatti, Patipatti and discuss how pariyatti formed the basis for academic studies of Buddhism.
3. Discuss the utility of Buddhist Councils (Sangiti) in the preservation of the Dhamma and Vinaya.
4. Define Mahayana and explain the reasons for its formation.
5. Introduce Indian Buddhist Universities and examine the special features of the education methodology at Nalanda University.
6. Provide adequate notes on two of the following topics.
 - a. Mahāvihāra Tradition
 - b. Navangasathusāsana
 - c. Tripitaka literature
 - d. Theravāda Tradition
