

University of Colombo
Faculty of Arts
Second Year Degree Examination in Arts
First Semester – 2017/2018
BST 2122 - History of Buddhist Thought I
(Two Hours)

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

1. “It is possible to summarize all Early Buddhist teachings in the Four Noble Truths” Approve or disapprove.
2. Examine the causes that led to emergence of the Buddhist Philosophical schools in the history of Buddhism.
3. Explain whether the Sarvāstivādī teachings are agreeable to the early Buddhism or not.
4. Analyze that though the Personalist school was developed against Sarvāstivāda, it incorporated philosophical arguments developed parallel to Early Buddhism.
5. Evaluate the Madhyamaka Kārikā as a text that denied and criticized the non-Buddhist views as well as the wrong views presented by the Buddhist schools.
6. Demonstrate with evidence that though the concept of emptiness became the central teaching of the northern Buddhism, it was a teaching emphasized in the Early Buddhism too.
