



University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka

External Examinations Branch

**Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Third Examination – 2010
(Overseas - External)
June 2011**

Faculty of Humanities

Buddhist Culture- BUCU- E3015

Geographical Expansion of Buddhist Culture and its Development in Sri Lanka.

Answer five (05) questions only

No. of questions : 10

Time : 03 Hours

01. Investigate the various factors which caused the rapid expansion of Buddhism during the time of the Buddha in India.
02. Examine how emperor Aśoka could be considered as an example of ideal Buddhist kingship.
03. Assess the contribution made by scholarly monks to the development of Buddhist thought in Sri Lanka.
04. Evaluate the services rendered by the Kushāna (Kuṣāna) kings to the establishment and spread of Buddhism.
05. Describe in brief the origin and development of Nālandā University and evaluate the academic contribution made by it in the field of Buddhism.
06. Point out how king Anauratha's reforms were instrumental in the development of medieval Buddhism in Burma.
07. "Sukhodaya (Sukhothai) is the golden era of Thai Buddhism." Examine.

08. Estimate the Sri Lanka contribution in the establishment and development of Theravāda Buddhism.
09. Describe the significance of the reign of Vattagāmini Abhaya in the history of Sri Lankan Buddhist Culture.
10. Comment on any two of the following.
- i. Chan (Zen) Buddhism
 - ii. The Abhayagiri Vihāra
 - iii. Xuang Zang
 - iv. Kumārajīva
