



VIDURA COLLEGE – COLOMBO  
GRADE 5  
Buddhism

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Second term

**Temple the Place that serves us**

Lesson 9

Student notes – 5

- The best place to take a rest away from the busy life is the temple.
- The **chief prelate** of the temple was the leader of the community.

01 - Services rendered by the temple to the community

- All religious functions conducted at home are done with the guidance of the temple of the village. Eg: **The Dana, Bana, and Pirith**

02 - The services rendered by the resident monks

The monks who reside at a temple render a variety of services to the temple and community,

- Early morning monks take turns and sweep the compound and cleaning the shrine rooms.
- Attend to the needs of the leading monk.
- A senior monk of a temple is assigned the task of maintaining a diary of events

03 - Responsibilities of a monk

Keeping record of the heeldana offered to the temple.

- The pirith ceremonies for which monks have to be supplied.
- Supplying monks to functions of other temples.

04 - Other responsibilities of a monk residing in a temple

- Provide facilities for any monk who may request accommodation to spend a night attending a function in the area.

05 - Close relationship with the temple

- Dayakayas have to participate in the functions and celebrations that are in the temple of the village
- Visit the temple for religious rituals on every poya day and offer flowers to the Dagaba, the Bodhi and the Buddha statue.

## Activity

Answers the quotations given below

1. State briefly the services rendered to the community by the temple
2. How do monks facilitate visiting monks to the temple
3. How does the temple maintain the services it has to give to the dayakayas?
4. What are the responsibilities of the dayakayas towards the temple?
5. What are the unique facilities a temple can provide to the worshipper?