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MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

35th MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Preliminary Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time: 1 hour

1. There are **50** questions in this paper, answer **all** the questions.
2. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet provided.
3. Give only **1** answer to each question.
4. If you wish to change the answer, erase completely the answer you do not want and then darken your new choice.

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1. Siddhattha Gotama was a Sakya Prince of King Suddhodana. He was born in the Lumbini Park at _____.
 - A. Rajagaha
 - B. Isipatana
 - C. Jetavanarama
 - D. Kapilavatthu

2. The Buddhist Era is started from the _____ of the Buddha.
 - A. birth
 - B. Enlightenment
 - C. passing away
 - D. renunciation

3. Siddhattha means _____.
 - A. saviour
 - B. great conqueror
 - C. wish-fulfilled
 - D. the Awakened One

4. Siddhattha's mother died seven days after his birth. His mother's _____. Maha Pajapati Gotami, brought him up.
 - A. elder sister
 - B. younger sister
 - C. cousin
 - D. aunt

5. Which incident in the prince's childhood helped him in his later development?
 - A. practising archery
 - B. studying the Vedasa
 - C. visited by a great sage, Asita
 - D. meditation during the ploughing festival

6. The brother of Princess Yasodhara was _____.
 - A. Devadatta
 - B. Kaludayi
 - C. Rahula
 - D. Channa

7. Why Prince Siddhattha was not happy when he was informed that a son was born unto him?
 - A. He wished to have a girl
 - B. He was too young to have a son
 - C. He wanted to renounce the world
 - D. He regarded his son as a fetter

8. Ghatikara Maha Brahma gave Prince Siddhattha the _____ when he ordained himself.
- A. sword
 - B. robes
 - C. bowl
 - D. garland
9. Prince Siddhattha rode his favourite horse _____ renouncing the world.
- A. Janaka
 - B. Kanthaka
 - C. Parisada
 - D. Bhadda
10. What is the meaning of 'Bodhisatta'?
- A. wisdom-being
 - B. kindness
 - C. goddess
 - D. attachment
11. How many monks attended on the Boddhisatta when he struggled for Enlightenment?
- A. 2
 - B. 5
 - C. 7
 - D. 100
12. Who came to tempt the Ascetic Gotama during his struggle for enlightenment?
- A. Devadatta
 - B. Angulimala
 - C. Mara
 - D. Nattaputta
13. Who offered the Ascetic Gotama some milk rice when he gave up fasting and ate food?
- A. Pamita
 - B. Sujata
 - C. Subha
 - D. Visakha
14. The Bodhisatta gained Buddhahood under this tree at Buddha Gaya.
- A. Ajapala Banyan tree
 - B. Bodhi tree
 - C. twin Sala trees
 - D. Mucalinda tree
15. 'Samma Sambuddha' means _____.
- A. Homage to the Buddha

- B. Future Buddha
- C. Path leading to the end of suffering
- D. Fully Enlightened One

16. The cause of suffering is also known as _____.
- A. First Noble Truth
 - B. Second Noble Truth
 - C. Third Noble Truth
 - D. Fourth Noble Truth
17. What is the end of suffering?
- A. Nibbana
 - B. Sotapanna
 - C. Tisarana
 - D. Majjhima Patipada
18. The Buddha fasted for _____ days soon after the Enlightenment.
- A. 7
 - B. 14
 - C. 21
 - D. 49
19. The hair relic of the Buddha are enshrined in the _____.
- A. Kek Lok Si Temple in Penang
 - B. Shwe Dagon Pagoda in Rangoon
 - C. Venuvanna Temple in Rajagaha
 - D. Kinkakuji in Japan
20. What is the meaning of 'Dhammacakka'?
- A. Noble Eightfold Path
 - B. No soul
 - C. Hearing the teaching
 - D. The Wheel of Truth
21. The Buddha's teaching on suffering, its cause, its end and the way to its end is known as _____.
- A. Four Noble Truths
 - B. Middle Path
 - C. The Five Precepts
 - D. Wheel of life
22. One who has attained the first stage of sainthood is called Sotapanna. Its meaning is _____.
- A. One-Returner
 - B. Never-returner
 - C. Stream-winner
 - D. the Worthy One

23. Who was Treasurer of the Dhamma in the Order of the Buddha?
A. Uppalavanna
B. Rahula
C. Ananda
D. King Suddhodana
24. They were Buddha's Royal Patrons except _____.
A. King Bimbisara
B. King Asoka
C. King Kosala
D. King Ajatasattu
25. Anathapindika offered a monastery to the Buddha. The name of the monastery is _____.
A. Pubbarama
B. Ratana Camkamana
C. Anupiya Mango Grove
D. Jetavanarama
26. Who offered the Veluvanarama (Bamboo Grove) to the Buddha and the Sangha?
A. King Bimbisara
B. Kondanna
C. King Sutasoma
D. King Suddhodana
27. Who was the Buddha's last convert?
A. Rahula
B. Ananda
C. Subhadda
D. Cunda
28. The First Buddhist Council was held at _____.
A. Rajagaha
B. Kusinara
C. Isipatana
D. Kapilavatthu
29. Which of the following is not included in the Tipitaka?
A. Dhamma Pitaka
B. Sutta Pitaka
C. Vinaya Pitaka
D. Abhidhamma Pitaka

30. Which of the following persons was a famous robber and later became a disciple of the Buddha?
- A. Devadatta
 - B. Moggallana
 - C. Angulimala
 - D. Alara Kalama
31. Who exchanged his new robe for the old robe of the Buddha which was indeed a very rare practise?
- A. Maha Kassapa
 - B. Ananda
 - C. Rahula
 - D. Sariputta
32. "Musavada veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami" refers to the precept abstain from
- A. sexual misconduct
 - B. destroying living beings
 - C. taken things not given
 - D. false speech
33. 'Ti-sarana' is the Three Refuges to
- A. Lobha, dosa and moha
 - B. Dana, Sila and Bhavana
 - C. Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha
 - D. Buddha, Pacceka Buddha and Arahant
34. What is 'Sila'?
- A. morality or virtuous conduct
 - B. generosity
 - C. meditation
 - D. wisdom
35. The word for 'loving-kindness' in Pali is
- A. sacca
 - B. dana
 - C. panna
 - D. metta
36. The good result of not lying
- A. one becomes richer
 - B. one becomes smarter
 - C. one becomes beautiful
 - D. one becomes trustful and truthful
37. We worship the Bodhi Tree because it represents _____.
- A. wisdom
 - B. Enlightenment
 - C. intelligent

D. virtues

38. Which of the following is not the three roots of evil?
A. ignorance
B. hatred
C. suffering
D. greed
39. By generosity (Dana), one gives up his _____.
A. wealth
B. selfishness
C. ignorance
D. anger
40. The following evils are caused by bodily action except
A. killing
B. stealing
C. slandering
D. sexual misconduct
41. The following evils are caused by thoughts except
A. harsh speech
B. greediness
C. anger
D. wrong views
42. The meaning of "Arahant" is _____.
A. the Honoured One
B. the Worthy One
C. the Blessed One
D. the Enlightened One
43. "Sangha Vandana" means
A. listen to the Sangha
B. bowing to the Sangha
C. offering to the Sangha
D. homage to the Sangha
44. _____ is considered as the foundation of all meritorious deeds.
A. Dana
B. Sila
C. Nekkhamma (Renunciation)
D. Khanti (Patience)
45. The Wisdom which leads to the realization of truths is known as _____.
A. viriya
B. panna
C. sila
D. upekkha

46. Who was the chief female disciple of the Buddha?
A. Sujata
B. Uppalavanna
C. Visakha
D. Maha Pajapati Gotami
47. The two most important disciples of the Buddha are
A. Alara Kalame and Uddaka Ramaputta
B. Angulimala and Devadatta
C. Tapassu and Bhallika
D. Sariputta and Moggallana
48. What is the original name of Angulimala?
A. Dhammapala
B. Upatissa
C. Ahimsaka
D. Temiya
49. Buddha has said "One who sees my _____ sees me"
A. images
B. picture
C. books
D. teachings
50. Pippali Manava is another name for
A. Moggallana
B. Mahakassapa
C. King Asoka
D. Rahula