## **MBE PRELIMINARY**

1. Siddhattha Gotama was born in \_\_\_\_\_ on the Wesak Fullmoon day.

- A. 543 B.C.
- B. 623 B.C.
- C. 2556 A.D.
- D. 2012 B.C.

## 2. Who was the father of Prince Siddhattha Gotama?

- A. King Bimbisara
- B. King Kosala
- C. King Suppabuddha
- D. King Suddhodana

## 3. Who died seven days after the birth of Prince Siddhattha Gotama?

- A. His father.
- B. His mother.
- C. His mother's younger sister.
- D. A great sage named Asita.
- 4. Siddhattha Gotama was brought up by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Queen Maha Maya
- B. Maha Pajapati Gotami
- C. Pamita
- D. King Suppabuddha

5. Who first knew that the Prince Siddhattha Gotama would become a Buddha in the future?

- A. Kala Devala
- B. Kaludayi
- C. Channa
- D. Ghatikara Maha Brahma
- 6. The meaning of "Siddhattha" is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Universal Monarch
- B. fortunate
- C. wish-fulfilled
- D. wonderful

7. King Suddhodana saluted Prince Siddhattha Gotama for the second time during the\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Ploughing Festival
- B. Name-Giving ceremony
- C. Wedding Ceremony
- D. New Year Day

8. Prince Siddhattha Gotama saw four strange sights when he visited the park. They are an old man, a sick person, a corpse and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. a Brahmin B. a farmer

C. a noble hermit D. an old lady

9. Out of love for the world, Prince Siddhattha left his royal family with his charioteer,

A.	Asaji	В.	Kanthaka

C. Channa D. Kaludayi

10. Which of the following is not the item of the Eight Requisites (Attha Parikkhara)?

- A. Spoon B. Belt
- C. Knife D. Needle

11. Who offered the robes to Prince Siddhattha after he ordained himself?

- A. Alara Kalama
- B. Ghatikara Maha Brahma
- C. Sujata
- D. Anathapindika

12. What is the meaning of Bodhisatta?

- A. great sage
- B. very important person
- C. wandering ascetic
- D. wisdom-being

13. Who did not attend on the Bodhisatta during his search for Truth?

- A. Angulimala
- B. Kondanna
- C. Mahanama
- D. Vappa

14. How long did the Bodhisatta struggle to gain Buddhahood?

A. three months B. three years

C. six months D. six years

15. The Bodhisatta adopted the Majjhima Patipada and gave up the two extremes in order to attain Buddhahood. Majjhima Patipada means \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Middle Path
- B. Noble Path
- C. Right Path
- D. Best Path

16. The Bodhisatta gave up fasting and ate some food because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. he was sick
- B. he was very thin
- C. he has missed the delicious food for a long time
- D. he needed strength to gain Buddhahood

17. A lady named \_\_\_\_\_\_ offered the Bodhisatta some milk rice when he was

- seated under a banyan tree.
- A. Sundari Nanda B. Sujata
- C. Susila D. Khema
- 18. What is the Pali word for evil?
- A. kusala
- B. akusala
- C. dosa
- D. adosa
- 19. What are the roots of evil?
- A. greed, selfishness, ignorance
- B. greed, selfishness, intelligence
- C. greed, killing, intelligence
- D. greed, hatred, ignorance
- 20. How many precepts one has to observe by following the Panca Sila?
- A. 5 precepts B. 8 precepts
- C. 10 precepts D. 227 precepts
- 21. Sariputta was born in the \_\_\_\_\_ family near the city of Rajagaha.
- A. poor
- B. rich
- C. royal
- D. Brahmin
- 22. Among the disciples of the Buddha, who is the chief in possessing psychic power?
- A. Moggallana
- B. Sariputta
- C. Mahakassapa
- D. Ananda
- 23. Who became the leader of the Buddhist Order when the Buddha passed away?
- A. Rahula B. Upali
- C. Ananda D. Mahakassapa
- 24. Ananda was a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Prince Siddhattha Gotama.
- A. brother
- B. friend
- C. cousin
- D. teacher
- 25. Rahula was the only son of Prince Siddhattha Gotama. His mother was \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Queen Maha Maya
- B. Maha Pajapati Gotami
- C. Yasodhara

## D. Sundari Nanda

- 26. Who was known as Dhamma Bhandagarika the Treasurer of the Dhamma?
- A. Ananda B. Sariputta
- C. Rahula D. Angulimala
- 27. What is the Pali word for the Three Refuges?
- A. Tilakkhana B. Tisarana
- C. Tipitaka D. Tiratana
- 28. What is the meaning of "kusala kamma"?
- A. building temples
- B. precept
- C. offering food
- D. meritorious deeds
- 29. The Pali term for giving is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Dana
- B. Sila
- C. Pattidana
- D. Bhavana
- 30. What is the good of giving up drinking liquor?
- A. Become very kind.
- B. Become very compassion.
- C. Become very careful.
- D. Become very pure.
- 31. One can become a Buddhist \_\_\_\_\_
- A. by donating money to the monastery
- B. by reading many books
- C. by going to the temple
- D. by taking the Three Refuges
- 32. We seek refuge in the Buddha because He taught us the way to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. become wealthy
- B. become healthy
- C. end all suffering
- D. be a holy person
- 33. Which of the following is not included in the Three Refuges?
- A. Dhamma B. Sutra
- C. Buddha D. Sangha
- 34. The Doctrine taught by the Buddha is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Dana B. Kamma

C. Dhamma D. Panca Sila

- 35. The Sangha is the \_\_\_\_\_ founded by the Buddha.
- A. Holy Order
- B. Vihara
- C. Monastery
- D. collection of holy books

36. We seek refuge in the Sangha because they are the \_\_\_\_\_ who have understood the Dhamma.

- A. lay male disciples
- B. lay female disciples
- C. students
- D. Holy disciples
- 37. What is the meaning of "Buddham Saranam Gacchami"?
- A. To the Holy disciples I go for refuge
- B. To the Holy teaching I go for refuge
- C. To the Buddha I go for refuge
- D. To the Brahma I go for refuge
- 38. The meaning of "Tatiyampi" is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. For the first time
- B. For the second time
- C. For the third time
- D. For the last time

39. The Pali term for "The Fully Enlightened One" is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Samma Sambuddha
- B. Arahant
- C. Bodhisatta
- D. Brahma
- 40. What is the Pali word for precept?
- A. Samadiyami
- B. Sikkhapada
- C. Saranam
- D. Kusala
- 41. The first of the Five Precepts is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. not to kill
- B. not to be unchaste
- C. not to lie
- D. not to steal

42. "Musavada Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami" is the \_\_\_\_\_ precept.

- A. first B. second
- C. third D. fourth

- 43. A person becomes \_\_\_\_\_ by giving up stealing.
- A. rich
- B. honest
- C. healthy
- D. compassion
- 44. In Buddhism, Bodhi Tree represents \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Enlightenment B. pure and clean
- C. greatness D. loving-kindness
- 45. What is the use of the Buddha's image?
- A. For us to pray to the gods.
- B. For us to offer flower.
- C. For us to offer fruits and food.
- D. Help us to think of the Buddha easily.
- 46. What is the best way to respect the Buddha?
- A. By offering food and water.
- B. By following His advice.
- C. By bowing in front of His image.
- D. By helping the less fortunate people.
- 47. Which of the following is not the teaching of all the Buddhas?
- A. Not to do evil.
- B. Not to do good.
- C. To do good.
- D. To purify one's mind.
- 48. Which of the following is not considered as merit?
- A. Dana
- B. Sila
- C. Dosa
- D. Bhavana
- 49. What is Bhavana?
- A. Meditation B. Ignorance
- C. Precept D. Charitable giving

50. "Adinnadana Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami" means I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. destroying living beings
- B. taking things not given
- C. sexual misconduct
- D. false speech