

**MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE**

**43<sup>rd</sup> MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION**

**(Junior Stage)**

**THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA**

Time: 1 ½ hours

1. There are **75** 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. What was the original name of Lord Buddha Gotama before His Enlightenment?
  - A. Siddhattha Gotama
  - B. Kamesu Gotama
  - C. Devadatta Gotama
  - D. Alara Gotama
2. Under which tree the baby prince gained the first Jhana during the Ploughing Festival?
  - A. Sala tree
  - B. Mango tree
  - C. Bodhi tree
  - D. Rose apple tree
3. Where was the birth place of the baby Prince Gotama?
  - A. Kapilavatthu
  - B. Lumbini
  - C. Rajagaha
  - D. Uruvela
4. Who was the Brahmin that came to prophesize the destiny of the baby Gotama by looking at the 32 signs/marks on the baby?
  - A. Alara Kalama
  - B. Udakka Ramaputta
  - C. Asita
  - D. Kondanna
5. What did the young prince learn at school under the tutelage of Sarva Mitra?
  - I. Reading
  - II. Writing
  - III. Archery
  - IV. Meditation
  - A. I, II and III
  - B. I, II and IV
  - C. I, III and IV
  - D. II, III and IV
6. What was the year the Lord Buddha gained Perfect Enlightenment?
  - A. 594 B.C.
  - B. 623 B.C.
  - C. 588 B.C.
  - D. 543 B.C.
7. The chief disciple Sariputta was also known previously as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Devadatta
  - B. Bimbisara
  - C. Moggallana
  - D. Upatissa
8. Who was the king who donated the Veluvana (bamboo grove) in Magadha?
  - A. King Pasenadi
  - B. King Bimbisara
  - C. King Suddhodana
  - D. King Ajatasattu
9. What are the 3 main objects of veneration?
  - I. Cetiya
  - II. Bodhi tree
  - III. Alms bowl
  - IV. Buddha image
  - A. I, II and III
  - B. I, II and IV
  - C. I, III and IV
  - D. II, III and IV
10. Kathina Day is held at the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ season.
  - A. dry
  - B. cold
  - C. rainy
  - D. snowing
11. ‘Do not accept anything on mere hearsay, do not accept anything by mere tradition’. From which sutta did the excerpt come from?
  - A. Karaniya Metta Sutta
  - B. Mangala Sutta
  - C. Parabhava Sutta
  - D. Kalama Sutta
12. Who was the stepmother who took care of the young prince Gotama?
  - A. Queen Maha Maya
  - B. Maha Pajapati Gotami
  - C. Kisa Gotami
  - D. Queen Mallika

13. Who was the Brahmin who predicted accurately that the baby prince would become the Buddha?  
 A. Vappa            B. Mahanama  
 C. Bhaddiya        D. Kondanna
14. What are the colours of the Buddhist flag?  
 I. Blue        II. Red  
 III. Green     IV. Yellow  
 A. I, II and III    B. I, II and IV  
 C. I, III and IV   D. II, III and IV
15. At what age did Prince Gotama marry Princess Yasodhara?  
 A. 18            B. 16  
 C. 17            D. 20
16. What was the second sign that the Prince saw outside the palace ground?  
 A. Old man        B. Sick man  
 C. Dead man      D. Monk
17. What is the meaning of “Rahula”?  
 (Note: Rahula was the son of Prince Gotama)  
 A. Sadness        B. Suffering  
 C. Impediment    D. Impermanence
18. When the prince left the palace ground at the age of 29, to seek the truth, he cut off his hair. With what did he cut off his hair?  
 A. Sword            B. Knife  
 C. Shaver           D. Sharp stone
19. Who became the first teacher to Ascetic Gotama?  
 A. Uddakka Ramaputta  
 B. Alara Kalama  
 C. Sanjaya  
 D. Kondanna
20. The Ascetic Gotama practiced austerity for \_\_\_\_\_ years?  
 A. 4                B. 5  
 C. 6                D. 7
21. Who offered some milk rice to the Buddha under the Bayan tree?  
 A. Kamala        B. Sujata  
 C. Visakha        D. Yasodhara
22. On the Vesak full moon day of May after His Enlightenment, what did the Buddha realize?  
 I. the rejection of the two extreme of self-mortification and self-indulgence  
 II. the Four Noble Truth  
 III. supernormal powers  
 IV. the Noble Eight Fold Path  
 A. I, II and III    B. I, II and IV  
 C. I, III and IV   D. II, III and IV
23. Who were present at the First Sermon of the Buddha?  
 A. Alara Kalama  
 B. Uddakka Ramaputta  
 C. His five ascetic companions  
 D. Yasa and his friends
24. Where was the first sermon held?  
 A. Isipatana Deer Park  
 B. Jetavana Park  
 C. Veluvana Park  
 D. Vulture’s Park
25. After His Enlightenment, The Buddha gazed at the Bodhi tree with great \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. happiness      B. loving kindness  
 C. confusion        D. gratitude

26. Who were the first 2 converts of the Buddha?  
 A. Sariputta and Moggallana  
 B. Maha Kassapa  
 C. Tapassu and Bhallika  
 D. Visakha and Anathapindika
27. What is the Fourth Noble Truth?  
 A. The cessation of suffering  
 B. The cause of suffering  
 C. The truth of suffering  
 D. The path leading to cessation of suffering
28. Which precept is related to right speech?  
 A. First precept  
 B. Second precept  
 C. Fourth precept  
 D. Fifth precept
29. What is the meaning of "samsara"?  
 A. The cycle of happiness and sadness.  
 B. The cycle of love and hate.  
 C. The law of cause and effect.  
 D. The cycle of life and death.
30. What are the 3 roots of evil?  
 A. Laziness, sensual delight and bullying.  
 B. Ego, like and dislike.  
 C. Greed, hatred and delusion.  
 D. Sloth, torpor and laziness.
31. What is in the group of wisdom?  
 I. Right Understanding  
 II. Right Concentration  
 III. Right Mindfulness  
 IV. Right Thoughts  
 A. I and II      B. II and III  
 C. III and IV    D. I and IV
32. Who were the first two lay women disciples of the Buddha?  
 I. Maha Pajapati Gotami  
 II. Yasodhara  
 III. Yasa's mother  
 IV. Yasa's wife  
 A. I and II      B. II and III  
 C. III and IV    D. I and IV
33. After Yasa and his 54 friends joined the Order of the Sangha, how many arahants were now under the Buddha's ministry?  
 A. 60              B. 100  
 C. 500             D. 1000
34. Which sermon did the Buddha preach to the 3 Kassappa brothers who had been practicing fire worshipping?  
 A. Fire sermon  
 B. Ratana sermon  
 C. Water sermon  
 D. Parabhava sermon
35. "All phenomenon arise from a cause. The Tathagatha has explained its cause and cessation". Who said this to Sariputta?  
 A. Bhikku Kondanna  
 B. Bhikku Assaji  
 C. Bhikku Bhaddiya  
 D. Bhikku Mahanama
36. Who ordained Rahula?  
 A. Assaji          B. Mogallana  
 C. Yasa            D. Sariputta
37. Who was the chief attendant of the Buddha?  
 A. Ananda        B. Maha Kassapa  
 C. Sariputta      D. Moggallana

38. Who was the chief bhikkuni in the Order of Bhikkunis?  
 A. Yasodhara  
 B. Maha Pajapati Gotami  
 C. Khema  
 D. Patacara
39. What is the name of the monastery that was donated by Anathapindika?  
 A. Veluvana Bamboo Grove  
 B. Nalanda University  
 C. Jetavana (Jeta's Grove)  
 D. Maha Bodhi Temple
40. Who was the enemy of the Buddha who tried to kill the Buddha?  
 A. Prince Ajatasattu  
 B. Devadatta  
 C. Angulimala  
 D. Sanjaya
41. Who was the notorious bandit who collected 999 fingers?  
 A. Sariputta  
 B. Moggallana  
 C. Angulimala  
 D. Nigantha Nattaputta
42. Which disciple of the Buddha was famous for his psychic power?  
 A. Moggallana      B. Yasa  
 C. Maha Kassapa      D. Anuruddha
43. What is the meaning for the Pali word, "Panna"?  
 A. Generosity      B. Patience  
 C. Reverence      D. Wisdom
44. Who imprisoned and tortured his own father, King Bimbisara?  
 A. Ajatasattu      B. Nanda  
 C. Devadatta      D. Upali
45. What is kamma and vipaka?  
 A. The seasonal factor of wind and rain.  
 B. The scientific theory of cells and genes.  
 C. The order of mind and psychic law.  
 D. The law of cause and effect.
46. What are the three characteristics of existence?  
 I. Delighting in sensual pleasures.  
 II. Impermanence nature of life.  
 III. Truth of suffering.  
 IV. The view of non-self  
 A. I, II and III      B. I, II and IV  
 C. I, III and IV      D. II, III and IV
47. Which part of the day do monks go for alms rounds?  
 A. Before noon      B. After noon  
 C. Evening      D. Night
48. What are the "Three Refuges"?  
 A. Sila, Samadhi and Panna  
 B. Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha  
 C. Alobha, Adosa and Amoha  
 D. Dana, Sila and Bhavana
49. Which of the following is NOT a meditation posture?  
 A. Standing      B. Sitting  
 C. Running      D. Reclining
50. What is the first parami?  
 A. Morality      B. Patience  
 C. Renunciation      D. Generosity
51. Who was the last convert of the Buddha?  
 A. Brahma Sahamapati  
 B. Subhadda  
 C. Mara  
 D. Cunda

52. What were the last words of the Buddha?  
 A. "Go forth for the good of the many"  
 B. "Strive on with diligence"  
 C. "Do good, avoid evil and purify your mind"  
 D. "by birth is not one an outcast, by deed is one an outcast"
53. Where did the Buddha pass away into Maha Parinibbana?  
 A. Lumbini B. Vesali  
 C. Varanasi D. Kusinara
54. Which of the following are duties of a filial child to their parents?  
 I. Providing shelter for their parents  
 II. Attending to the needs of their parents  
 III. Supporting them physically and mentally  
 IV. Abandoning their parents  
 A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV  
 C. I, III and IV D. II, III and IV
55. Which of the following are weighty kammas?  
 I. Killing of mother  
 II. Wounding a Buddha  
 III. Doing generosity  
 IV. Creating a schism in the Sangha  
 A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV  
 C. I, III and IV D. II, III and IV
56. Who presided over the First Buddhist Council?  
 A. Ven. Maha Kassappa  
 B. Ven. Maha Mogallana  
 C. Ven. Maha Cunda  
 D. Ven. Upali
57. At what age did the Buddha pass away?  
 A. 60 B. 70  
 C. 80 D. 90
58. Who was chosen to recite the Vinaya rules at the First Buddhist Council?  
 A. Ananda B. Sariputta  
 C. Maha Kacayana D. Upali
59. In the Five precepts, "Adinnadana veramani sikhapadam samadiyami" means abstaining from:  
 A. Killing B. Lying  
 C. Stealing D. Sexual misconduct
60. Which of the following is NOT Right Livelihood?  
 A. Selling intoxicants  
 B. Selling medicine  
 C. Selling clothes  
 D. Selling fruits
61. What is the Pali word for "sympathetic joy"?  
 A. Mudita B. Karuna  
 C. Metta D. Upekkha
62. What can't be seized by kings, stolen by thieves, carried off by the elements and disposed off by bad heir?  
 A. Wealth B. Kamma  
 C. Properties D. Gold
63. Which of the following is NOT the title for Lord Buddha?  
 A. Tathagatha  
 B. The Exalted One  
 C. Mara  
 D. Fully Enlightened One

64. "Buddham saranam gacchami"  
means:  
A. I go to the Buddha as my refuge.  
B. I go to the Dhamma as my  
refuge.  
C. I go to the Sangha as my refuge.  
D. I go to heaven as my refuge.
65. What tree is also known as the "tree  
of Enlightenment"?  
A. Banyan tree  
B. Rajayatana tree  
C. Bodhi tree  
D. Ajapala tree
66. \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who has  
extinguishes all cravings.  
A. Sakadagami B. Anagami  
C. Arahant D. Sotapanna
67. Which of the following cannot be  
offered to the monks?  
A. Food B. Water  
C. Shelter D. Intoxicants
68. Who offered the last meal to the  
Buddha?  
A. King Bimbisara  
B. King Pasenadi  
C. Visakha  
D. Cunda
69. \_\_\_\_\_ gives rise to rebirth.  
A. Non-action  
B. Relinking consciousness  
C. Death  
D. Wholesome action
70. Which of the Buddha's disciple was  
famous for his retentive memory?  
A. Maha Kassapa  
B. Maha Cunda  
C. Mahanama  
D. Ananda
71. In the Mangala sutta, the Buddha  
gave an advice on not associating  
with \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. wise men B. teacher  
C. good advisor D. fools
72. What are the advantages of  
practicing metta(loving-kindness)?  
I. Sleep peacefully  
II. Protected by brahmins  
III. Liked by humans and devas  
IV. Passing away peacefully  
A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV  
C. I, III and IV D. II, III and IV
73. What constitutes a good speech?  
I. Pleasant speech  
II. Truthful speech  
III. Beneficial speech  
IV. Gossip  
A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV  
C. I, III and IV D. II, III and IV
74. On which day do Buddhists  
celebrate the Birth, Enlightenment  
and Parinibbana of the Buddha?  
A. Kathina Day  
B. Wesak Day  
C. Uposatha Day  
D. All Souls Day
75. In the Metta sutta, the Buddha  
talked about the boundless love of a  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the child.  
A. Father  
B. Mother  
C. Brother  
D. Grand-mother