

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

47th 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 birth name of Buddha Gotama?
A. Siddhattha
B. Sariputta
C. Devadatta
D. Alara
2. Under which tree did the baby prince gain 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. Benares 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 on his body?
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. In which year did the Buddha gain Perfect Enlightenment?
A. 594 B.C. B. 623 B.C.
C. 588 B.C. D. 543 B.C.
7. The chief disciple Sariputta's layman name was _____.
A. Devadatta B. Bimbisara
C. Mogallana 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 _____ 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 is the excerpt taken?
A. Karaniyametta Sutta
B. Mangala Sutta
C. Parabhava Sutta
D. Kalama Sutta
12. Who was the step-mother 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. Bhadiya 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 the name “Rahula” given to Prince Gotama’s newborn son?
A. Sadness B. Suffering
C. Impediment D. Impermanence
18. When Prince Gotama left the palace at the age of 29 to seek the truth, he cut off his hair with a _____.
A. sword B. knife
C. shaver D. sharp stone
19. Who was the first meditation teacher of 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 milk rice to the Bodhisatta under the Banyan tree?
A. Kamala B. Sujata
C. Visakha D. Yasodhara
22. On Vesak full moon day of May after His Enlightenment, what did the Buddha realize?
I the futility of the two extremes of self-mortification and self-indulgence
II the Four Noble Truths
III Abhinna power
IV the Noble Eightfold 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 did the Buddha give his first sermon?
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 _____.
A. happiness B. loving kindness
C. confusion D. gratitude

26. Who were the first 2 converts of the Buddha?
 A. Sariputta and Mogallana
 B. Vimutti and Kassappa
 C. Tapassu and Bhallika
 D. Visakha and Anathapindika
27. What is the Third Noble Truth?
 A. The Truth of Suffering
 B. The Cause of Suffering
 C. The Cessation of Suffering
 D. The Path leading to the 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 anger.
 B. Ego, like and dislike.
 C. Greed, hatred and delusion.
 D. Sloth, torpor and laziness.
31. Which factors are in the wisdom group of the Noble Eightfold Path?
 I Right Understanding
 II Right Concentration
 III Right Mindfulness
 IV Right Thought
 A. I and II B. II and III
 C. III and IV D. I and IV
32. Who were the first two laywomen 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 in the Buddha’s ministry?
 A. 60 B. 100
 C. 500 D. 1000
34. Which sermon did the Buddha preach to the 3 Kassapa brothers who had been practicing fire worshipping?
 A. Fire Sermon
 B. Aggi Sutta
 C. Metta Sutta
 D. Parabhava Sutta
35. “All phenomena arise from a cause. The Tathagata 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. Mogallana

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 which was donated by Anathapindika?
 A. Veluvana Bamboo Grove
 B. Nalanda University
 C. Jetavana 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. Jayasiri
 B. Makkali Gosala
 C. Angulimala
 D. Nigantha Nattaputta
42. Which disciple of the Buddha was famous for his psychic power?
 A. Mogallana B. Yasa
 C. Maha Kassappa D. Anuruddha
43. What is the meaning of 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?
 A. The seasonal changes of climate.
 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 Delight in sensual pleasures
 II Impermanent nature of life
 III Truth of suffering
 IV Reality 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 Samapatti
 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 his/her parents?
 I Provide shelter for his/her parents
 II Attending to the needs of his/her parents
 III Supporting his/her parents physically and mentally
 IV Abandoning his/her 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 kammass?
 I Killing of the mother
 II Wounding of a Buddha
 III Cultivating generosity
 IV Creating a schism in the Sangha
 A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
 C. I, III and IV D. I, II, III and IV
56. Who presided over the First Buddhist Council?
 A. Maha Kassappa
 B. Maha Mogallana
 C. Maha Cunda
 D. 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 Kaccayana D. Upali
59. The second precept, "Adinnadana veramani sikkha-padam samadiyami" means to abstain 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 cannot be seized by kings, stolen by thieves, destroyed by fire or water and disposed of by bad heirs?
 A. Wealth B. Merits
 C. Enemies D. Property
63. Which of the following is NOT the title for the Buddha?
 A. Tathagata
 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. Which tree is also known as the “Tree of Enlightenment”?
 A. Banyan tree
 B. Rajayatana tree
 C. Sala tree
 D. Ajapala tree
66. _____ is a person who has extinguished all defilements.
 A. Sotapanna B. Sakadagami
 C. Anagami D. Arahant
67. Which of the following cannot be offered to 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
 B. parents D. fools
72. What are the advantages of practicing metta (loving-kindness)?
 I Sleep peacefully
 II Protected by devas
 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. I, II, III and IV
73. What constitutes a good speech?
 I Pleasant speech
 II Truthful speech
 III Beneficial speech
 IV Frivolous speech
 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. Abhidhamma Day
75. In the Metta Sutta, the Buddha talked about the boundless love of a _____ for the child.
 A. Father
 B. Mother
 C. Grandfather
 D. Grandmother