

MBE Preliminary 2010

1. Prince Siddhattha was born in the _____.
A. Tusita Heaven
B. Anupiya Mango Grove
C. Lumbini Park
D. Deer Park
2. Prince Siddhattha's mother, Queen Maha Maya died _____ after his birth.
A. one day
B. seven days
C. one month
D. one year
3. Who was the father of Prince Siddhattha?
A. King Suddhodana
B. King Suppabuddha
C. King Bimbisara
D. King Ajatasattu
4. What was the family name of Prince Siddhattha?
A. Bodhi
B. Gotama
C. Gotami
D. Sakya
5. After marriage, Prince Siddhattha left his wife and child with his charioteer,
A. Kaludayi
B. Devadatta
C. Kanthaka
D. Channa
6. What is the name given to a wisdom being who is trying to become a Buddha?
A. Bodhisatta
B. Sotapanna
C. Arahant
D. Anagami
7. After ordination, the Bodhisatta went at first to study the doctrine of a well-known ascetic named _____.
A. Ghatikara Maha Brahma
B. Kala Devala
C. Alara Kalama
D. Uddaka Ramaputta
8. The Bodhisatta chose Uruvela, a beautiful quiet spot for his _____.
A. meditation
B. ordination
C. living
D. resting
9. _____ was the youngest Brahmin who fore-told the future of Prince Siddhattha on his name giving day.
A. Assaji
B. Kondanna
C. Moggallana
D. Mara
10. What is the meaning of Majjhima Patipada?
A. Extremes
B. Middle Path
C. Enlightenment
D. Wisdom
11. What is the meaning of Samma Sambuddha?
A. Awakened One
B. Suffering
C. Freedom
D. Peace
12. Who will be the next Buddha?
A. Mahakassapa
B. Sariputta
C. Metteyya or Maitreya
D. Kondanna
13. What did the Buddha utter soon after His Enlightenment?
A. Anattalakkhana Sutta
B. Dhammacakka Sutta
C. Abhidhamma
D. Udana
14. The first two Upasakas of the Buddha were _____.
A. Tapassu and Bhallika
B. Ananda and Upali
C. Assaji and Vappa
D. Sariputta and Moggallana
15. The first lesson the Buddha taught to the world was the great lesson of
A. generosity
B. loving-kindness
C. gratitude
D. compassion
16. Tanha, Arati and Raga are the three daughters of _____.

- A. Brahma Sahampati
- B. Sujata
- C. Mara
- D. Naga

17. An Upasaka is _____ of the Buddha.

- A. a supporter
- B. a missionary
- C. a lay male follower
- D. a lay female follower

18. Who invited the Buddha to preach the Dhamma to the world?

- A. Mahakassapa
- B. Brahma Sahampati
- C. Maha Pajapati Gotami
- D. King Bimbisara

19. The Anattalakkhana Sutta deals with _____.

- A. No-soul or No-self
- B. No god
- C. Nibbana
- D. Suffering

20. Who was the first Upasaka who sought refuge in the Triple Gem?

- A. Devadatta
- B. Prince Siddhattha's father
- C. Rahula
- D. Yasa's father

21. Pick the correct one.

- A. Devadatta was the father of Yasodhara.
- B. Devadatta was the teacher of the Buddha.
- C. Devadatta was the supporter of the Buddha.
- D. Devadatta was the cousin of the Buddha.

22. Arahant Assaji told Sariputta and Moggallana that his teacher preached on _____.

- A. worldly pleasures
- B. the law of nibbana
- C. the law of cause and effect.
- D. the law of gravity

23. The Buddha preached a Jataka to His relatives in Kapilavatthu. What was the name of

this Jataka?

- A. Dhammapala Jataka
- B. Vessantara Jataka
- C. Samkhapala Jataka
- D. Khantivadi Jataka

24. The second Stage of Sainthood, Sakadagami means _____.

- A. Never-Returner
- B. Once-Returner
- C. Worthy One
- D. Parinibbana

25. "O Ascetic, even your shadow is pleasing to me." Who said this to the Buddha?

- A. Rahula
- B. Nanda
- C. Yasodhara
- D. Maha Pajapati Gotami

26. Who tried to kill the Buddha?

- A. Angulimala
- B. Subhadda
- C. Cunda
- D. Devadatta

27. Who was the favourite attendant of the Buddha and became the Treasurer of the Dhamma?

- A. Mahakassapa
- B. Ananda
- C. Upali
- D. Anathapindika

28. Who requested the Buddha to form the Order of Nuns?

- A. Uppalavanna
- B. Khema
- C. Sujata
- D. Maha Pajapati Gotami

29. The ruins of Jetavanarama and Pubbarama could still be seen at

- A. Sahet-Mahet
- B. Rajagaha
- C. Rangoon
- D. Kapilavatthu

30. The Buddha advised His disciples to regard His _____ as their teacher.

- A. books
- B. relics
- C. doctrine
- D. compassion

31. The Pali term 'sikkhapada' means

- A. killing B. precept
C. refuge D. homage
32. Tatiyam'pi means
A. For the first time
B. For the second time
C. For the third time
D. For the last time
33. We seek refuge in the Dhamma because it is the only path _____.
A. to acquire worldly pleasure.
B. to satisfy our greed
C. to become popular
D. to end suffering
34. The third of the Five Precepts is
A. not to lie B. not to steal
C. not to be unchaste D. not to kill
35. One becomes _____ by observing the precept of giving up stealing.
A. truthful B. honest
C. pure and good D. kind and full of pity
36. By saluting the Bodhi Tree we pay respect to Buddhahood. Bodhi Tree stands for _____.
A. Meditation B. Wisdom
C. Precept D. Enlightenment
37. What is the meaning of 'Sadhu'?
A. pure B. excellent
C. merit D. virtue
38. Which of the following is not considered as merit?
A. Dana B. Moha
C. Bhavana D. Sila
39. The advice of all the Buddhas does not include _____.
A. To do good B. To purify one's mind
- C. Not to do evil D. Not to be lazy
40. Which of the following is evil caused by thought?
A. stealing B. lying
C. slandering D. anger
41. Which of the following is not the roots of evil?
A. Moha B. Dosa
C. Punna D. Lobha
42. The Pali word for generosity is _____.
A. Dana B. Kusala
C. Bhavana D. Sila
43. Selfishness can be overcome by _____.
A. generosity B. patience
C. compassion D. meditation
44. Which of the following is not one of the Noble Eight-fold Path?
A. Right Mindfulness B. Right Effort
C. Right Action D. Right Precept
45. Killing, stealing and sexual misconduct are evils caused by
A. thoughts B. words
C. deeds D. speech
46. What is the Pali word for 'the community of monks' ?
A. Sangha B. Ariya
C. Pitaka D. Dhamma
47. Which of the following are not reborn?
A. Deva B. Anagami
C. Arahant D. Ascetic
48. What is the meaning of " Dhammacakka" ?
A. knowing the truth B. seeking the truth

C. the wheel of truth D. cause and effect

49. The Doctrine taught by the Buddha is known as

- A. Metta B. Dhamma
- C. Sila D. Dana

50. The purpose of meditation is to give up

- A. ignorance B. hatred
- C. selfishness D. anger

Answer Keys

1 C
2 B
3 A
4 B
5 D
6 A
7 C
8 A
9 B
10 B
11 A
12 C
13 B
14 A
15 **C**
16 C
17 C

18 B
19 A
20 D
21 D
22 C
23 B
24 B
25 A
26 D
27 B
28 D
29 A
30 C
31 B
32 C
33 D
34 C
35 **B**
36 D
37 B
38 B
39 **D**
40 **D**
41 C
42 A
43 A
44 D
45 **C**
46 A
47 C
48 C
49 B
50 **A**