

## MBE Preliminary 2011

1. What was the name of the son born to King Suddhodana and Queen Maha Maya of the Sakyan clan?

- A. Sakyamuni
- B. Siddhattha Gotama
- C. Sakya Gotama
- D. Sundari Nanda

2. A hermit was invited to the palace to predict the prince's future. Who was this sage?

- A. Uddaka Ramaputta
- B. Sariputta
- C. Kondanna
- D. Kala Devala

3. Who brought up the prince?

- A. Maha Pajapati Gotami
- B. Queen Maha Maya
- C. Uppalavanna
- D. Sujata

4. What wonderful thing happened on the Sakyan prince's birthday?

- A. He walked on seven lotuses
- B. He ran in the palace
- C. He read a book
- D. He sat on a horse

5. Which word means "wish-fulfilled"?

- A. Gotama
- B. Siddhattha
- C. Kanthaka
- D. Yasodhara

6. During the name-giving ceremony, who raised one finger and said that the Sakyan prince would surely become a Buddha?

- A. Kaludayi
- B. Asita
- C. Kondanna
- D. Ghatikara Maha Brahma

7. What wonderful thing took place to the prince during his first ploughing festival?

- A. The prince talked to a hermit

B. The prince saluted his father

C. The prince collected apples under the tree

D. The prince sat meditating on the couch

8. King Suppabuddha was the father of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Pamita
- B. Devadatta
- C. Kaludayi
- D. Ananda

9. The four strange sights the Sakyan prince saw when he visited the park were, an old man, a sick person, a corpse and \_\_\_\_\_

- A. a king
- B. a hermit
- C. a barber
- D. an Arahant

10. After listening to the verse uttered by a young lady, Kisa Gotami, the prince gave his \_\_\_\_\_ as a present to her.

- A. sword
- B. food
- C. necklace
- D. Wisdom

11. The prince left the palace with his favourite horse and his \_\_\_\_\_, Channa.

- A. driver
- B. charioteer
- C. friend
- D. teacher

12. One of the following is not included in the eight requisites of a monk.

- A. knife
- B. bowl
- C. needle
- D. book

13. What is the meaning of "Bodhisatta"?

- A. supporter
- B. attendant
- C. wisdom-being
- D. millionaire

14. Who approached and tempted the Bodhisatta (Prince Siddhattha) when he practiced many forms of severe austerity in the forest?

- A. Kondanna
- B. Mara
- C. Alara Kalama
- D. King Bimbisara

15 The Bodhisatta adopted the Middle Path to gain Buddhahood known as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Majjhima Patipada
- B. Dhammapada
- C. Samma Sambuddha
- D. Majjamadatthana

16. The Four Noble Truths do not include \_\_\_\_\_

- A. suffering
- B. kamma
- C. craving
- D. Nibbana

17. The end of suffering is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Nibbana
- B. Dhammacakka
- C. Sotapanna
- D. Sadhu

18. The name of the future Buddha will be \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Satthissara
- B. Siddhattha Gotama
- C. Sakyamuni
- D. Metteya

19. The Ascetic Gotama struggled for \_\_\_\_\_ long years to gain Buddhahood.

- A. two
- B. five
- C. six
- D. ten

20. The Bodhisatta gained his Enlightenment at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Isipatana
- B. Lumbini Park
- C. Deer Park
- D. Buddha Gaya

21. What is the meaning of "Buddham saranam gacchami" ?

- A. To the Buddha I go for refuge
- B. To the teacher I go for refuge
- C. To my parents I go for refuge
- D. To the teaching of the Buddha I go for refuge

22. What is the meaning of "Tatiyampi" ?

- A. For the first time
- B. For the second time

- C. For the third time
- D. For the fourth time

23. "Musavada veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami" is the precept to abstain from

- A. stealing
- B. lying
- C. sexual misconduct
- D. killing

24. By observing which precept a person becomes very careful and his senses become very clear?

- A. to give up liquor that tends to infatuation and carelessness
- B. to give up killing
- C. to give up lying
- D. to give up stealing

25. After marriage with Princess Yasodhara, Prince Siddhattha and his wife had \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. one palace
- B. two palaces
- C. three palaces
- D. four palaces

26. Who was the brother of Princess Yasodhara?

- A. Rahula
- B. Devadatta
- C. Ananda
- D. Channa

27. What was the news to Prince Siddhattha when he visited the park while seeing the four strange sights?

- A. He was informed that his wife was sick
- B. He was informed that a daughter was born unto him
- C. He was informed that his father had passed away
- D. He was informed that a son was born unto him

28. Dana, Sila and Bhavana are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Three kinds of merit

- B. Three kinds of evil
- C. Objects of meditation
- D. Loving kindness

29. What happened to Bodhisatta in the first watch of the night?

- A. remembered past lives
- B. saw death
- C. saw rebirth of beings
- D. understood the Four Noble Truths

30. Moggallana was also known as

- A. The Chief Disciple to the Buddha
- B. The Religious teacher of the Buddha
- C. The Right Hand Chief Disciple to the Buddha
- D. The Third Chief Disciple of the Buddha

31. Sariputta on hearing the first two lines of the four-lined stanza from \_\_\_\_\_ became a Sotapanna.

- A. Kolita
- B. Sanjaya
- C. Arahant Assaji
- D. Ven. Angulimala

32. Dasa Kusala Kamma means

- A. Ten Perfections
- B. Ten Precepts
- C. Ten Demeritorious Actions
- D. Ten Meritorious Actions

33. The enraged teacher of Angulimala ordered him to fetch a thousand \_\_\_\_\_ as a token for his education.

- A. garland
- B. fingers
- C. flower
- D. robes

34. Which disciple of the Buddha possessed a powerful retentive memory and had a rare privilege of listening to almost all the discourses of the Buddha?

- A. Ven. Moggallana
- B. Ven. Mahakassapa
- C. Ven. Sariputta
- D. Ven. Ananda

35. "Dhammasavana" is one of the Kusala Kamma which means

- A. listening to the Dhamma
- B. teaching the Dhamma
- C. chanting sutta

D. bowing to the Buddha

36. Taking refuge in the Sangha means that:

- A. we shall become monk.
- B. we must bow to the monk
- C. we take the Holy Disciples of the Buddha as our guide and teacher
- D. we must always offer food to monks.

37. Selfishness can be overcome by

- A. Dhammasavana
- B. Dhammadesana
- C. Dana
- D. Apacayana

38. What is the meaning of "Pattidana" ?

- A. act of respect
- B. generosity
- C. transference of merits
- D. teaching the doctrine

39. The Pali term for morality or virtuous conduct is

- A. Dosa
- B. Punna
- C. Akusala
- D. Sila

40. Who were among the Bodhisatta's friends during his search for Truth?

- A. Assaji and Kassapa
- B. Vappa and Kassapa
- C. Mahanama and Vappa
- D. Alara and Kondanna

41. The Pali word "Tisarana" means

- A. Three evil roots
- B. Three types of Kamma
- C. Three Refuges
- D. Three Baskets

42. The teaching of the Buddha is known as

- A. Nibbana
- B. Dukha
- C. Sangha
- D. Dhamma

43. "Bhagavato" means

- A. Very important person
- B. The Blessed One

C. The Enlightened One

D. The Exalted One

44. The Pali word for precept is

\_\_\_\_\_

A. Sikkhapada

B. Gacchami

C. Panatipata

D. Adinnadana

45. The followings are Five Precepts except

\_\_\_\_\_

A. not to steal

B. not to kill

C. not to take solid food after noon

D. not to take liquor

46. The first of the Five Precept is

\_\_\_\_\_

A. not to kill

B. not to lie

C. not to be unchaste

D. not to steal

47. One becomes \_\_\_\_\_ if he observes the precept of giving up lying.

A. full of pity

B. beautiful

C. truthful and trustful

D. wonderful

48. The advice of all the Buddhas except

A. Not to do evil

B. To do good

C. To gain plenty of wealth

D. To purify one's mind

49. The following evils are caused by deeds except \_\_\_\_\_

A. killing

B. harsh speech

C. stealing

D. sexual misconduct

50. The following are considered as merit except

A. Dana

B. Kamma

C. Sila

D. Bhavana