

1. When did Ascetic Gotama attain “Supreme Enlightenment”?  
 A. 594BC  
 B. 623BC  
 C. 588BC  
 D. 543BC
2. One who follows the Precepts is said to be practising \_\_\_\_\_ Sila.  
 A. Varitta  
 B. Viriya  
 C. Caritta  
 D. Panna
3. Sakadagami is a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A. Stream enterer  
 B. Once Returner  
 C. Never Returner  
 D. Private Buddha
4. The first discourse of Lord Buddha touches on:  
 A. All in Flames  
 B. Anatta  
 C. Highest Blessings  
 D. 4 Noble Truths
5. Parami means \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A. Loving-kindness  
 B. Blessings  
 C. Jewels  
 D. Perfection
6. The advice of all the Buddhas:  
 A. Avoid evil, do good and purify the mind  
 B. Avoid extremes and follow the Middle Path  
 C. Avoid evil and strive on  
 D. Practise My Dhamma
7. What was the first moral lesson the Buddha taught humanity after attaining Supreme Enlightenment?  
 A. Loving-kindness  
 B. Gratitude  
 C. Peace  
 D. Happiness
8. When did King Suddhodana salute his son for the second time?  
 A. Naming Ceremony  
 B. Kaladevala’s Visit  
 C. Plonging Festival  
 D. Prediction of Kondanna
9. The Buddha said,  
 “in mid-ocean was I,  
 not seeing the shores  
 All the people perished too,  
 Still my mind did not waver  
 This is my Perfection of \_\_\_\_\_ .”  
 A. Determination  
 B. Effort  
 C. Morality  
 D. Patience
10. The Temiya Jataka is used to illustrate the \_\_\_\_\_ Parami.  
 A. Khanti  
 B. Panna  
 C. Sila  
 D. Adhitthana
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Parami is practised to keep our minds balanced against the 8 Vicissitudes of Life.  
 A. Metta  
 B. Sila  
 C. Upekkha  
 D. Panna
12. The Special Ordination performed for Ven. Angulimala was named \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A. Ettadagami Bhikkhave  
 B. Ehi Bhikkhu Pabbajja  
 C. Evam me sutam  
 D. Appamadena Sampadetha
13. The 3 main objects of Veneration are \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A. Buddha Image, Pagoda and Monk  
 B. Buddha Image, Pagoda and Great Bodhi tree  
 C. Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha  
 D. Buddha, Pagoda and Great Bodhi tree

14. What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Parami?  
 A. Mudita  
 B. Panna  
 C. Nekkhamma  
 D. Sila
15. What is Samsara?  
 A. Cycle of birth and death  
 B. Dependent Origination  
 C. Cause and Effect  
 D. Plane of existence
16. The 3 vehicles when achieved lead to Nibbana are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Bodhisatta, Mahasatta, Arahant  
 B. Sakadagami, Anagami, Arahant  
 C. Theravada, Mahayana, Vajrayana  
 D. Savaka, Pacceka Buddha, Samma Sambuddha
17. A white elephant was mentioned in the \_\_\_\_\_ Jataka.  
 A. Temiya  
 B. Lomahamsa  
 C. Samkhapala  
 D. Vessantara
18. What are the 3 roots of evil?  
 A. Sloth, torpor and delusion  
 B. Desire, hatred and laziness  
 C. Desire, hatred and delusion  
 D. Desire, slander and delusion
19. What are the 3 Characteristics?  
 A. Impermanence, Suffering and Ignorance  
 B. Impermanence, Suffering and Egolessness  
 C. Impermanence, Loss and Egolessness  
 D. Impermanence, Ill-will and Torpor
20. Which relative of Prince Siddhattha would become a Pacceka Buddha in the remote future?  
 A. Nanda  
 B. Yasodhara  
 C. Devadatta  
 D. Ananda
21. Who was Chief among Buddha's Disciples on matters pertaining to the Vinaya discipline? Ven. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Upali  
 B. Sumita  
 C. Angulimala  
 D. Mahakassapa
22. Lord Buddha converted the 3 Kassapa Brothers who were formerly \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Matted hair ascetics  
 B. Naked ascetics  
 C. Fire worshippers  
 D. Sun worshippers
23. What is another word for Mara?  
 A. Dukkha  
 B. Nivarana  
 C. Sotapatti  
 D. Namuci
24. Who took over the leadership of the Sangha after the Buddha's Maha Parinibbana? Ven. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Sariputta  
 B. Upali  
 C. Mahakassapa  
 D. Nanda
25. What is '8 Vicissitudes of Life' in Pali?  
 A. Atthanga Sila  
 B. Attha Loka Dhamma  
 C. Ariya Atthangika Magga  
 D. None of the above
26. "In this blind world, I shall beat the drum of Deathlessness." When did Sakyamuni Buddha say it?  
 A. After He was entreated by Brahma Sahampati for the third time.  
 B. 7 weeks after His Supreme Enlightenment  
 C. When He met Upaka on "the way" to Benares  
 D. When He preached the Dhamma to the 5 ascetics

27. Why was the Buddha called 'acchariya manussa'? He was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- the King of India
  - helped people
  - an extraordinary man
  - saluted twice by His father
28. What did King Bimbisara donate to the Buddha and His Disciples?
- Jetavanarama
  - 8 Requisites of a Monk
  - His kingdom
  - Veluvanarama
29. What is Right Livelihood in Pali?
- Samma Sankappa
  - Samma Ajiva
  - Samma Sati
  - Samma Vaca
30. The 4<sup>th</sup> Noble Truth is the Path to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Brahma worlds
  - Attachment
  - the end of sorrow
  - wealth
31. The direct enemy of Metta is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Passion
  - Ill-will
  - Doubt
  - Tolerance
32. Which of the following expressions does not refer to the Arahant?
- Anxious
  - Secure
  - Sorrowless
  - Stainless
33. Buddhists observe 5 Precepts daily. Which precept can help us maintain a sober and alert mind at all times?
- 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 1<sup>st</sup>
34. Which is false about Kamma?
- Kamma is the law of moral causation
  - Kamma means good and bad volition
  - Buddhas and Arahants do not accumulate fresh Kamma
  - Kamma is preached by the Buddha
35. What can't be seized by kings, stolen by thieves, carried off by the elements and disposed off by bad heir?
- Wealth
  - Kamma
  - Kings
  - Enemies
36. Which of the following is subject to rebirth in the Pure Abodes?
- Sotapana
  - Sakadagami
  - Anagami
  - Arahant
37. Which of the following is not the title for Lord Buddha?
- Tathagatha
  - The Exalted One
  - A Fully Enlightened One
  - Deathless One
38. The youngest person to be admitted into the Noble Order was Ven. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Kondanna
  - Rahula
  - Ananda
  - Yasa
39. Who converted Sariputta to Buddhism?
- Kondanna
  - Ananda
  - Assaji
  - Rahula
40. Princess Yasodhara was also known as \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Bhaddakaccana
  - Uppalavana
  - Pamita
  - Khema

41. The first virtue of the Dhamma is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A. Svakkhato  
 B. Akaliko  
 C. Ehipassiko  
 D. Sanditthiko
42. Prince Siddhattha stopped at the \_\_\_\_\_ after he left his palace.  
 A. bank of River Anoma  
 B. market town of Senani  
 C. city of Rajagaha  
 D. city of Kushinagara
43. Which one of the following is false about Anathapindika?  
 A. He was called 'Feeder of the Helpless'  
 B. He was a millionaire  
 C. He was Lord Buddha's main supporter  
 D. He was Lord Buddha's first lay disciple
44. Who attained Arahantship after listening the Adittapariyaya Sutta (All in Flames)?  
 A. The 3 Kassapa brothers and their disciples  
 B. King Bimbisara and his followers  
 C. The Thirty Young Men  
 D. Ven. Yasa and his 54 friends
45. Angulimala was ordered to fetch a thousand human \_\_\_\_\_ by his teacher.  
 A. garlands  
 B. eyes  
 C. fingers  
 D. hands
46. \_\_\_\_\_ are the line of conduct for Enlightenment.  
 A. 8 Precepts  
 B. 10 Perfections  
 C. 10 Wholesome Deeds  
 D. 10 Precepts
47. Which Pali word means 'to let go of sensual pleasures'?  
 A. Sacca  
 B. Khanti  
 C. Viriya  
 D. Nekkhamma
48. "All living beings are subject to birth, old age, sickness and death." This is the \_\_\_\_\_ Noble Truth.  
 A. 1<sup>st</sup>  
 B. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 C. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 D. 4<sup>th</sup>
49. The Dhammapada states, "From \_\_\_\_\_ springs grief, from \_\_\_\_\_ springs fear."  
 A. greed, ill-will  
 B. craving, craving  
 C. ill-will, delusion  
 D. hatred, hatred
50. One who practises \_\_\_\_\_ does not withhold one's undertakings part-way on account of obstacles, disappointments or laziness.  
 A. Sila  
 B. Dana  
 C. Viriya  
 D. Samadhi
51. If anyone offends or assaults the Bodhisatta, the Bodhisatta will \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Be happy  
 B. Become angry  
 C. Seek revenge  
 D. Extend thoughts of loving-kindness and compassion to him
52. Lord Buddha lies on \_\_\_\_\_ and sleeps for a while with mindfulness.  
 A. His right side  
 B. His left side  
 C. His back  
 D. His chest
53. The 2 main causes of kamma are :  
 A. Killing and lying  
 B. Name and fame  
 C. Ignorance and craving  
 D. Drunkenness and stealing
54. 'Much learning' in Mangala Sutta refers to :  
 A. studying hard  
 B. constantly reading books  
 C. acquiring worldly knowledge  
 D. possess Buddha Dhamma knowledge

55. Which one is not a condition for conducting destruction of life?  
 A. An object  
 B. Intention to kill  
 C. A living being  
 D. Effort to kill

**For questions 56-75, select :**

- A. if I is correct**  
**B. if I & II are correct**  
**C. if III is correct**  
**D. if I, II & III are all correct**

56. Select the correct match.  
 I. Sacca - Truthfulness  
 II. Upekkha - Equanimity  
 III. Khanti - patience
57. Buddha called Himself a Conqueror because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I. He conquered all the evil conditions  
 II. He destroyed all defilements  
 III. He conquered other countries
58. Among Mara's army were \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I. Sloth and Torpor  
 II. Fear  
 III. Dana
59. Mundane wisdom can be achieved through \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I. Attainment of Jhanas  
 II. Travelling far and wide  
 III. Listening to the Buddha Dhamma
60. The Buddha is called 'Sabbannu' (Omniscient) because He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I. was the most profound thinker  
 II. was the most compassionate teacher  
 III. knew everything that ought to be known
61. Buddha said, "No teacher have I." It actually means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I. No one could teach Him  
 II. His teachers left Him  
 III. He comprehended everything by Himself

62. The colours of the Buddhist flag are:  
 I. Blue  
 II. Resplendent  
 III. White
63. By harbouring Loving-kindness in one's mind, it gives one \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I. Calm and peace  
 II. True friends  
 III. The ability to differentiate between wholesome and evil deeds
64. Which Arahants are known as 'General of the Dhamma' and 'Treasurer of the Dhamma' respectively?  
 I. Ven. Sanputta and Ven. Ananda  
 II. Ven. Moggallana and Ven. Angulimala  
 III. Ven. Ananda and Ven. Sanputta
65. Which is profitless practice?  
 I. Constant attachment to sense pleasures  
 II. Constant addiction to self mortification  
 III. Constant practice of the Majjhima Patipada
66. \_\_\_\_\_ is the light of Truth which dispels the darkness of ignorance.  
 I. Panna  
 II. Sacca  
 III. Viriya
67. Among Lord Buddha's sayings is/are:  
 I. You yourselves should make the effort, the Tathagatas are only teachers  
 II. By deeds is one an outcast, by deeds is one a Brahmin  
 III. Strive on heedfully
68. The hindrances to cultivation of spiritual advancement are:  
 I. Sense desires  
 II. Torpor  
 III. Khanti
69. Which is incorrect?

- I. The Buddha is 'Sabbanu' - Omniscient
  - II. The Buddha 'abolished' slavery
  - III. The Buddha tried hard to enlighten everyone
70. What is the best possible way to respect the Buddha?
- I. By paying homage to Him regularly
  - II. By chanting prayers regularly
  - III. By practising His Teachings
71. Pick the wrong pair
- I. Ven. Ananda - chief among those with great intelligence
  - II. Ven. Sariputta - ordained Prince Rahula
  - III. Ven. Angulimala - received a special ordination 'Ehi Bhikkhu Pabbajja'.
72. Pick the **correct** pair of the Pali word and its meaning.
- I. Pattanumodana - Rejoicing in others' merits
  - II. Veyyavacca - Cause of Noble Parentage
  - III. Dhammadesana - Listening to the Doctrine
73. Among the 8 Chief Rules that Bhikkhunis must observe are:
- I. Every fortnight a nun should ask from the Order of Monks the time of Uposatha meeting and when a Bhikkhu would come to admonish them.
  - II. The Pavarana ceremony after the Retreat should be held by a nun in the presence of both Bhikkhus and Bhikkhunis.
  - III. A nun should not spend a Retreat in a place where there is no Bhikkhu.
74. In which year(s) of the Buddha's Ministry did He spend His Vas in Caliya Rock?
- I. 13<sup>th</sup>
  - II. 18<sup>th</sup>
  - III. 20<sup>th</sup>
75. Dhammacakkhu refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I. Arahant
  - II. Pacceka Buddha
  - III. Anagami