

SECTION 1

1. The Buddha is also known as “Amatassa Data” which means _____.
 A. He is the giver of Happiness
 B. He is the giver of Deathlessness
 C. He is the giver of Compassion
 D. He is the giver of Joy
2. The Buddha had predicted that Ven. Devadatta will become a Pacceka Buddha in future by the name of _____.
 A. Metteya
 B. Sumana
 C. Sikhi
 D. Atthissara
3. The Dhammapada is a collection of many verses uttered by the Buddha on various occasions. How many verses are there in this collection?
 A. 323
 B. 423
 C. 523
 D. 623
4. Which disciple did not visit the Buddha even though he knew that the Teacher would attain Mahaparinibbana at the last watch of the night?
 A. Ven. Ananda
 B. Ven. Mahakassapa
 C. Ven. Dhammarama
 D. Ven. Anurudha
5. How long did the Bhikkhunis Sasana last?
 A. 300 years
 B. 400 years
 C. 500 years
 D. 600 years
6. The Buddha preached the “Aditta Pariyaya Sutta” to _____.
 A. Nigamtha Nataputta
 B. Tapassu & Bhallika
 C. Yasa’s mother & father
 D. Kassapa brothers & their followers
7. “All conditioned things are subject to change, give rise to suffering and it’s beyond our control”, this is _____.
 A. Self
 B. Selflessness
 C. Egoism
 D. Attachment
8. The Fundamental Units of nature as analysed by the Buddha are collectively known as _____.
 A. Sacca
 B. Paramatta
 C. Paññati
 D. Niyama
9. The Buddha preached: -“If anyone who does not support his/her own parents, he/she is known as outcast.” What is the name of this sutta?
 A. Vasala Sutta
 B. Parabhava Sutta
 C. Kalama Sutta
 D. Dhajjaga Sutta
10. In the Paticca Samuppada what causes the Sankhara?
 A. Tanha
 B. Vijja
 C. Avijja
 D. Viññana

11. A Sakadagami has cultivated deeper Insight and has weakened _____.
- Self-delusion & doubt
 - Sense-pleasure & ill-will
 - Delusion & restlessness
 - Rite & ritual
12. In Samma Sati, one has to be mindful of _____.
- Kaya, Sankhara, Cetasika & Viññana
 - Kaya, Vaca, Cetasika & Mano
 - Kaya, Vedana, Citta & Viññana
 - Kaya, Vedana, Citta & dhamma
13. By what other names was Yasodhara known?
- Bhadakkaccana
 - Mallika
 - Vajiri
 - Sujata
14. Which King ordered his own father to be killed because he harbored a grudge that his father never loved and cared for him when he was a child?
- King Bimbisara
 - King Videha
 - King Ajatasattu
 - King Pasenadi Kosala
15. Which of the following is said to be the “cause of Unsatisfactoriness!”?
- Moha & Raga
 - Moha & Dosa
 - Moha & Tanha
 - Moha & Bhava
16. The Buddha said, “Do not believe what the people say.” From which Sutta does it come from?
- Bhojjanga Sutta
 - Kalama Sutta
 - Vasala Sutta
 - Parabhava Sutta
17. In Samma Sati, one has to be aware of _____.
- Kaya, Vaca, Cetasika & Viññana
 - Kaya, Sankhara, Cetasika & Viññana
 - Kaya, Vedana, Sañña & dhamma
 - Kaya, Vedana, Citta & dhamma
18. A Sakadagami has cultivated deeper Insight and has weakened _____.
- Sense-pleasure & delusion
 - Sense-pleasure & ill-will
 - Self-delusion & doubt
 - Delusion & restlessness
19. What are the Four Brahma Viharas?
- Dana, Sila, Samadhi, Pañña
 - Metta, Karuna, Sukha, Mudita
 - Metta, Karuna, Mudita, Upekkha
 - Dukha, Samudaya, Nirodha, Magga
20. The Ven. Sariputta attained Arahantship on hearing the Buddha preaching the Sutta to an ascetic. Who is this ascetic?
- Nigantha Nataputta the Ascetic
 - Subhada the Ascetic
 - Diganaka the Ascetic
 - Naked Ascetic

SECTION 2

(PART A)

1. In the NAVA GUNA GATHA (nine virtues stanza), explain all the Nine Virtues of the Buddha. Elaborate any TWO incidents which show His quality as “Lokavidu”.
2. Please describe clearly how the Buddha met the 3 Kassapa brothers and preached the “Adittapariyaya Sutta” or “All in Flames”. Explain the dhamma in this sutta completely in order to convert the 3 brothers.
3. Please describe clearly ALL the major events that happened in the life history of the Buddha to show that He had served Gods and humans selflessly during His forty-five years of ministry.

(PART B)

4. What are the virtues of the Dhamma? Explain clearly how by practising the Dhamma will give us ultimate happiness in life.
5. Please explain clearly how the Panca Niyama (Five Nature Laws) that govern the law of nature in human realm; and NOT kamma alone.
6. What is the Law of Dependent Origination (Paticca Samuppada)? Explain clearly how it will lead us from birth to death of a human being.

(PART C)

7. What are the qualities and virtues of Ven. Sivali Thero? Illustrate from the Jataka story of what Parami in his previous life he had cultivated.
8. Recollect the history of the past & present life of Chief Disciple Ven. Sariputta Thero. Explain the virtues which were praised by the Buddha.
9. Trace the events that lead to the establishment of the Bhikkhunis Sangha. What are the significance they had on the status of women in India at that time.

(PART D)

10. Some people die during coma (Bhavanga Citta). What past evil kamma have they done in the past life? Explain by using the Buddha’s teaching how this is so.
11. We are taught to radiate Loving-kindness (metta) towards all living beings. What are the 11 benefits for practising metta. However, some suggest that this is a negative attitude for we are only saying it but not practising it. Explain how would you defend by using the Buddha’s teaching.
12. What are the conditions for breaking the Musavad? Explain why it is very difficult to uphold this precept purely without breaking it. Gossiping is consider breaking the precept. Please illustrate the Jataka story from Dhammapada verses.