

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE
38th MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION
(Senior Stage)
THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

2 Hours

Section 1 (Multiple Choice Questions)

1. The Buddha is also known as _____ manussa.
A. Sabannuta
B. Lokuttara
C. Achariya
D. Lokiya
2. What was the last meal served to the Buddha before His attainment of Nibbana?
A. Cow meat
B. Tiger meat
C. Kiribhojana
D. Sukara Maddava
3. The Buddha had predicted that Ven. Devadatta will become a Pacceka Buddha in the future by the name of
A. Vipassi
B. Atthisara
C. Sikhi
D. Metteya
4. What are the two Deva-Dhammas (the two laws that govern the behavior of humans)?
A. Morality and concentration
B. Loving kindness and compassion
C. Shamelessness and fearlessness
D. Shame and fear
5. 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
6. What is the meaning of "Majjapanna ca sanna mo" from the Mangala Sutta?
A. To refrain from indulging in liquor
B. To refrain from all evils
C. Not to associate with fools
D. To associate with the wise
7. Which disciple has the same physical features as a Samma Sambuddha?
A. Ven Sariputta
B. Ven Moggallana
C. Ven Maha Kassapa
D. Ven Upali
8. In the Bhikkhuni Sangha, who were the two chief female disciples?
A. Khema and Yasodhara
B. Khema and Prajapati Gotami
C. Khema and Uppalavanna
D. Uppalavanna and Prajapati Gotami
9. The Eight Vicissitudes of Life are happiness, sorrow, gain, loss, fame, ill-fame and _____.
A. greed and hatred
B. pleasantness and unpleasantness
C. like and dislike
D. praise and blame
10. The Buddha preached this Sutta such as: "If anyone who does not support his/her own parents, he/she is the cause of their own downfall." What is the name of this Sutta?
A. Vasala Sutta
B. Parabhava Sutta
C. Bhojjhanga Sutta
D. Isigili Sutta

11. These events take place instantly, there being no differences even if one is in the state of heaven, hell, an animal, a demon or a hungry ghost.
 A. Mental Formation
 B. Consciousness
 C. Relinking Consciousness
 D. Mind
12. Which of the following statements is false?
 A. Sabbe sankhara anicca
 B. Sabbe sankhara dukkha
 C. Sabbe sankhara anatta
 D. Sabba danam dhamma danam jinati
13. "All conditioned things are subject to change, give rise to suffering and is beyond our control", this is _____.
 A. Self
 B. Selflessness
 C. Attachment
 D. Thoughtlessness
14. An Anagami has cultivated deeper insight and has eradicated _____.
 A. Attachment to rites and rituals
 B. Delusion and restlessness
 C. Self Delusion and doubt
 D. Sense pleasures and ill-will
15. The fundamental units of nature as analysed by the Buddha are collectively known as _____.
 A. Paramatta
 B. Pannati
 C. Niyama
 D. Sacca
16. To what do the following two lines of verses refer to?
 "Misery only doth exist, none miserable nor doer is there, nought save deed is found".
 A. Atta
 B. Anatta
 C. Sakaya Ditthi
 D. Michaditthi
17. The two merchants Tapassu and Ballika who offered honey and flour to the Buddha after his enlightenment came from _____.
 A. Savatthi
 B. Vesali
 C. Ukkala
 D. Uruvela
18. How long did the Bhikkuni Sasana last?
 A. 200 years
 B. 300 years
 C. 400 years
 D. 500 years
19. If there is no self, who is the doer of one's own Kamma?
 A. Cetana
 B. Vinnana
 C. Sanna
 D. Sankhara
20. In Samma Sati, one has to be mindful of _____.
 A. Kaya, sankhara, cetasika and vinnana
 B. Kaya, vaca, cetasika and mano
 C. Kaya, vedana, citta and vinnana
 D. Kaya, vedana, citta and dhamma

Section 2 (Subjective Questions)

(PART A)

1. Describe clearly the incidents of Mara asking the Buddha to attain Nibbana until His final days at Kusinara, under the twin Sala trees attaining Mahaparinibbana.
2. What are the Nine Virtues of the Buddha? Explain each and every of the nine virtues and give any two incidents that prove his quality of "Vijja Carana Sampanno".
3. Describe clearly the major events in the life history of the Buddha to show that the Buddha had served humanity selflessly during the forty-five years of His ministry.

(PART B)

4. Explain in detail the Four Noble Truths as taught by the Buddha and how it will lead us to attain Enlightenment.
5. Please explain clearly how the Panca Niyama (Five Nature Laws) govern the law of nature in the human realm, and NOT KAMMA alone.
6. What are the virtues of the Dhamma? Explain clearly how practicing the Dhamma will give us insight to the 3 Characteristics of Life.

(PART C)

7. Explain clearly the background, the qualities of Ven Ananda Thero, and his duties as an attendant monk to the Buddha until His final attaining of Mahaparinibbana.
8. Trace the events that lead to the establishment of the Bhikkhuni Sangha. What are the significance they had on the status of women in India at that time?
9. What are the qualities and virtues of Ven Moggallana Thero? Recall the history of the past and present life of Ven Moggallana Thero until his becoming of the 2nd Chief Disciple of the Buddha.

(PART D)

10. What are the teachings of the Buddha for filial piety. Explain clearly from a Sutta and give an illustration from a Jataka story.
11. What are the five conditions needed for breaking the precept of "refraining from taking intoxicating drinks or liquor"? If you break the fifth precept, you can break all the other four precepts. Give an illustration of a story to prove it.
12. Please explain the conditions needed for breaking the precept of "sexual misconduct". What are the reasons that the Buddha set down these rules for lay disciples?