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MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

46<sup>th</sup> MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Preliminary Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time: 1 hour

1. There are 50 questions in this paper, answer all the questions.
2. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet provided.
3. Give only 1 answer for each question.
4. If you wish to change your answer, erase completely the answer you do not want and then darken your new choice.

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1. Siddhattha Gotama was born in \_\_\_\_\_ on the Wesak Fullmoon day.

- A. 2556 A.D.
- B. 2562 A.D.
- C. 623 B.C.
- D. 543 B.C.

2. The birthplace of Prince Siddhattha was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Sarnath
- B. Sravasti
- C. Deer Park
- D. Lumbini Park

3. Who died seven days after the birth of Prince Siddhattha?

- A. His father.
- B. His mother.
- C. His teacher.
- D. His mother's younger sister.

4. Prince Siddhattha was brought up by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Patacara
- B. Maha Maya
- C. Maha Kisa Gotami
- D. Maha Pajapati Gotami

5. The Bodhisatta struggled \_\_\_\_\_ years to attain Buddhahood.

- A. six
- B. thirty five
- C. sixteen
- D. forty five

6. The Bodhisatta became a Buddha when he was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

- A. 29
- B. 35
- C. 40
- D. 80

7. The youngest Brahmin was the one who \_\_\_\_\_ of Prince Siddhattha on his name giving day.

- A. knew the past life
- B. fore-told the future
- C. described the wisdom
- D. described the personality

8. Who first knew that the Prince Siddhattha Gotama would become a Buddha in the future?

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

9. The four strange sights seen by Prince Siddhattha Gotama when he visited the park were \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an old man, a sick person, a corpse, and a beggar
- B. an old man, a sick person, a corpse, and a noble hermit
- C. an old man, a sick person, a dying person, and a beggar
- D. an old man, a sick person, a dying person, and a noble hermit

10. After Prince Siddhattha saw the four strange sights, he started thinking of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. building more cemetery
- B. searching for more doctors
- C. searching for truth and peace
- D. improving old people's welfare

11. What is the name of Prince Siddhattha Gotama's son?

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

12. Why did Prince Siddhattha Gotama leave his wife and son?

- A. He pitied them and all others.
- B. He disliked them and all others.
- C. He wanted to find peace for himself.
- D. He wanted to find a new way of living.

13. Who was the second teacher of Bodhisatta?

- A. Udayi
- B. Kondanna
- C. Uddaka
- D. Alara Kalama



14. Who offered the robes to Prince Siddhattha after he ordained himself?  
 A. Assaji  
 B. Channa  
 C. Alara Kalama  
 D. Ghatikara Maha Brahma
15. What did King Bimbisara intend to offer to the Bodhisatta at Rajagaha?  
 A. his wealth            B. his kingdom  
 C. his chariot            D. his children
16. Who were among the five monks that attended to Bodhisatta during his search for Truth?  
 A. Bhaddiya and Alara  
 B. Bhaddiya and Uddaka  
 C. Mahanama and Vappa  
 D. Mahanama and Kassapa
17. The Bodhisatta gave up fasting and ate some food because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. he was influenced by Mara  
 B. he was going to die from hunger  
 C. he was not interested in fasting anymore  
 D. he needed strength to continue to search for the truth
18. The five monks were \_\_\_\_\_ with the Bodhisatta's decision to give up fasting and ate some food.  
 A. excited  
 B. relieved  
 C. annoyed  
 D. disappointed
19. The Bodhisatta adopted the Majjhima Patipada. The meaning of Majjhima Patipada is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Noble Path            B. Middle Path  
 C. Kind Path            D. Wisdom Path
20. A lady named Sujata offered the Bodhisatta \_\_\_\_\_ when he was seated under a banyan tree.  
 A. milk rice            B. curry  
 C. money                D. robes
21. During the Bodhisatta's last watch before He gained Enlightenment, He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. remembered past lives  
 B. saw devas from heaven  
 C. understood the Four Noble Truths  
 D. saw the death and rebirth of beings
22. The Bodhisatta gained his Enlightenment at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Sarnath                B. Buddha Gaya  
 C. Sravasti                D. Lumbini Park
23. The Third Noble Truth is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. there is suffering  
 B. there is end of suffering  
 C. there is cause of suffering  
 D. there is path leading to end of suffering
24. A man is unhappy because he did not get what he wanted. Which of the Four Noble Truths apply to that man's unhappiness?  
 A. First and Second Noble Truths  
 B. Second and Third Noble Truths  
 C. Third and Fourth Noble Truths  
 D. First and Fourth Noble Truths
25. The ways leading to end of suffering include \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Right View and Right Effort  
 B. Right View and Right Attitude  
 C. Right Speech and Right Kindness  
 D. Right Speech and Right Knowledge



26. Craving leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. anger                      B. jealousy  
C. disease                     D. suffering
27. The Pali word for the Three Refuges is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Tipitaka                    B. Tisarana  
C. Tiratana                    D. Tilakkhana
28. The Three Refuges are Buddha, Dhamma, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Sila  
B. Dana  
C. Sangha  
D. Samadhi
29. A devotee recites Namō Dhammāya before taking Three Refuges to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. master the Dhamma  
B. pay homage to the Dhamma  
C. ask forgiveness from the Dhamma  
D. request protection from the Dhamma
30. "Dutiyampi Buddhāṃ Saṃsaṃ Gacchāmi" means \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. for the second time, to the Buddha I go for refuge.  
B. for the second time, to the Buddha's disciple I go for refuge.  
C. for the third time, to the Buddha's disciples I go for refuge.  
D. for the third time, to the Buddha's teaching I go for refuge.
31. When one takes the Three Refuges, one becomes a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Buddha                      B. Brahma  
C. Buddhist                     D. Bodhisatta
32. A person rejected alcoholic drinks offered by his friend. The person is keeping his \_\_\_\_\_ precept.
- A. first                          B. second  
C. fourth                        D. fifth
33. A young man returned a bag to an old lady who dropped the bag on the road. The young man is keeping his \_\_\_\_\_ precept.
- A. first                          B. second  
C. third                          D. sixth
34. A little boy avoids stepping on the ants. The little boy is keeping his \_\_\_\_\_ precept.
- A. first                          B. third  
C. fourth                         D. sixth
35. "Kamesu Micchacara Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami" means I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. false speech  
B. sexual misconduct  
C. taking things not given  
D. destroying living beings
36. "Musavada Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami" means I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from the following except \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. telling jokes  
B. praising others  
C. make up stories to make people happy  
D. false speech
37. One observes \_\_\_\_\_ by following the Panca Sila.
- A. 5 precepts                    B. 8 precepts  
C. 332 precepts                D. 227 precepts



38. A contented person would not \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. lie                      B. kill  
C. steal                     D. curse
39. An old man helped a kitten to get out from the drain because the old man was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. strong                    B. truthful  
C. generous                D. compassionate
40. The meaning of Sangha is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Holy place                B. Holy Order  
C. Holy water               D. Holy teachings
41. The three kinds of merits are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Sila, Samadhi and Moha  
B. Sila, Samadhi and Lobha  
C. Dana, Sila and Bhavana  
D. Dana, Akusala and Bhavana
42. Two of the Eight Requisites of a monk are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. money and bowl    B. bowl and knife  
C. knife and spoon    D. money and spoon
43. Right Effort in Pali is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Samma Vaca  
B. Samma Vayama  
C. Samma Sati  
D. Samma Samadhi
44. Buddha taught us the way to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. become mindful  
B. become wealthy  
C. end all suffering  
D. end all sicknesses
45. Which of the following is the teaching of all the Buddhas?
- A. Not to do harm and to do good.  
B. Not to do harm and to do Dana.  
C. Not to do evil, to do good, and purify one's mind.  
D. Not to do evil, to do Dana, and purify one's mind.
46. Bodhi Tree represents \_\_\_\_\_ in Buddhism.
- A. wisdom                    B. enthusiam  
C. loving-kindness        D. enlightenment
47. The meaning of Samma Sambuddha is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Noble One  
B. Excellent One  
C. Awakened One  
D. Compassionate One
48. One gives up ignorance when one practices \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. austerity                    B. meditation  
C. patience                    D. truthfulness
49. The Pali term for virtuous conduct is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Sila                         B. Bhavana  
C. Saddha                    D. Samadiyami
50. The use of the Buddha's image is to help us to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. think of the Buddha easily  
B. be grateful to the Buddha  
C. ask protection from the Buddha  
D. practice the teachings of the Buddha