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MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

48<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. Prince Siddhattha was born in \_\_\_\_\_ on the Vesak full-moon day of May.  
A. 543 B.C.            B. 2556 A.D.  
C. 623 B.C.            D. 2562 A.D.
2. Prince Siddhattha was brought up by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Mallika  
B. Samavati  
C. Maha Maya  
D. Maha Pajapati Gotami
3. Prince Siddhattha was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he renounced the world.  
A. 80                      B. 40  
C. 35                      D. 29
4. The father of Prince Siddhattha was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. King Pasenadi Kosala  
B. King Suppabuddha  
C. King Suddhodana  
D. King Ajatasatu
5. Who died 7 days after the birth of Prince Siddhattha?  
A. His teacher.  
B. His father.  
C. His mother.  
D. His mother's younger sister.
6. Why did Prince Siddhattha leave his dear ones?  
A. He was tired of taking care of them.  
B. He pitied them and all others.  
C. He was bored of his family life.  
D. He hated them and all others.
7. Who first knew that Prince Siddhattha would become a Buddha in the future?  
A. Kala Devala  
B. Assaji  
C. Ghatikara Maha Brahma  
D. Kaludayi
8. What were the four strange sights seen by Prince Siddhattha when he visited the park?  
A. An old man, a sick person, a corpse and a traveller.  
B. An old man, a sick person, a corpse and a deva.  
C. An old man, a sick person, a corpse and a noble hermit.  
D. An old man, a sick, a corpse and a deva.
9. Prince Siddhattha started thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ after seeing the four strange sights.  
A. searching for medicine to treat the sick people  
B. searching for Truth and Peace  
C. how to stop from becoming  
D. building better shelters for people
10. Prince Siddhattha gave his necklace to a young lady named \_\_\_\_\_ to show his gratitude to her.  
A. Kisa Gotami        B. Uppalavvana  
C. Visakha              D. Sujata
11. What is the name of Prince Siddhattha's son \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Nanda                B. Ananda  
C. Rahula               D. Channa
12. Who offered the robes to Prince Siddhattha after he ordained himself?  
A. Sujata  
B. Channa  
C. Ghatikara Maha Brahma  
D. Kanthaka
13. Who were among the five monks that attended on the Bodhisatta during his search for Truth?  
A. Moggallana and Assaji  
B. Mahanama and Sariputta  
C. Bhaddiya and Assaji  
D. Mahanama and Kassapa

14. Who was the first teacher of the Bodhisatta?  
 A. Uddaka                      B. Kondanna  
 C. Asita                         D. Alara Kalama
15. The Bodhisatta did not continue his practice under his two teachers because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. their systems were too strict  
 B. their teaching made his body weak  
 C. their systems could not lead to the complete end of suffering  
 D. their teaching was too complicated
16. Who approached and tempted the Bodhisatta when he practised many forms of severe austerity in the forest?  
 A. Mara                         B. Pattacara  
 C. Nanda                         D. Mahanama
17. The Bodhisatta gave up fasting and ate some food because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. he was very thin  
 B. he was going to die from hunger  
 C. he needed strength to gain Buddhahood  
 D. He was influenced by Mara
18. The five monks were \_\_\_\_\_ with the Bodhisatta's decision to give up fasting and ate some food.  
 A. excited                      B. annoyed  
 C. disappointed                D. relieved
19. A lady named Sujata offered the Bodhisatta \_\_\_\_\_ when he was seated under the banyan tree.  
 A. curry                         B. robes  
 C. milk rice                      D. money
20. The meaning of **Majjhima Patipada** is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Middle Path  
 B. Noble Path  
 C. Kind Path  
 D. Wisdom Path
21. The meaning of **Bodhisatta** is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. great sage  
 B. wisdom being  
 C. compassionate person  
 D. wandering ascetic
22. In Buddhism, **Bodhi Tree** represents \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. wisdom                      B. compassion  
 C. loving-kindness         D. Enlightenment
23. What did King Bimbisara intend to offer to the Bodhisatta at Rajagaha?  
 A. his army  
 B. his kingdom  
 C. his foods  
 D. his wealth
24. During the Bodhisatta's last watch before He gained Enlightenment, He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. gained psychic power  
 B. saw devas from heaven  
 C. understood the Four Noble Truth  
 D. saw the death and rebirth of beings
25. How long did the Bodhisatta struggle to gain Buddhahood?  
 A. six months                 B. six years  
 C. three months               D. three years
26. The name of the future Buddha is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Kakusandha                B. Vipassi  
 C. Metteya                      D. Vessabhu
27. Which of the Four Noble Truths tells us that suffering could be ended?  
 A. Third                         B. Second  
 C. First                         D. Fourth
28. The way leading to the end of suffering is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Eight Precepts  
 B. Ten Kusala Kamma  
 C. Four Brahma Viharas

- D. Noble Eightfold Path
29. The Bodhisatta gained his Enlightenment at \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Isipatana                      B. Deer Park  
C. Buddha Gaya                  D. Lumbini Park
30. One observes \_\_\_\_\_ by following the Panca Sila.
- A. 5 precepts                      B. 8 precepts  
C. 227 precepts                  D. 10 precepts
31. Craving leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. anger                              B. jealousy  
C. disease                          D. suffering
32. The Three Refuges are Buddha, Dhamma, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Sila                                B. Dana  
C. Sangha                          D. Samadhi
33. When one takes the Three Refuges, one becomes a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Buddhist                        B. Brahma  
C. Buddha                          D. Bodhisatta
34. The meaning of “Tatiyampi” is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. for the first time  
B. for the second time  
C. for the third time  
D. for the fourth time
35. “Buddham Saranam Gacchami” means
- A. to the Brahma I go for refuge.  
B. to the Buddha I go for refuge.  
C. to the Buddha’s disciples I go for refuge.  
D. to the Buddha’s teaching I go for refuge.
36. “Kamesu Micchacara Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami” means I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. destroying living beings  
B. taking things not given  
C. false speech  
D. sexual misconduct
37. The good of giving up stealing is one becomes \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. compassionate                  B. healthy  
C. contented                        D. honest
38. A little boy avoids stepping on the ants. The little boy is keeping his \_\_\_\_\_ precept.
- A. second                            B. third  
C. first                                D. fourth
39. The three roots of evils are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. greed, hatred, ignorance  
B. greed, selfishness, anger  
C. greed, selfishness, jealousy  
D. greed, selfishness, hatred
40. When one is offering \_\_\_\_\_ to the Buddha, one is reflecting on wisdom.
- A. robes                              B. flowers  
C. candle                            D. incense
41. What is the Pali word for the eight Requisites?
- A. Attha Sila  
B. Majjhima Nikaya  
C. Attha Parikkhara  
D. Majjhima Patipada
42. Two of the Eight Requisites of a monk are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. knife and spoon  
B. bowl and belt  
C. money and bowl  
D. belt and spoon
43. Right Thoughts in Pali is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Samma Ditthi  
B. Samma Vayama  
C. Samma Samkappa  
D. Samma Samadhi

44. Four kinds of evil are caused by words. One of them is \_\_\_\_\_ speech.  
A. timely                      B. polite  
C. harsh                         D. persuasive
45. 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
46. The meaning of **Samma Sambuddha** is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Noble One  
B. Excellent One  
C. Awakened One  
D. Compassionate One
47. The meaning of Sangha is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Holy place                 B. Holy water  
C. Holy teachings         D. Holy Order
48. Buddha taught us the way to  
A. become mindful.  
B. become wealthy.  
C. end all sickness.  
D. end all suffering.
49. Where did the Buddha pass away?  
A. Kusinara                 B. Buddha Gaya  
C. Rajagaha                 D. Deer Park
50. The use of the Buddha's image is to help us to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. be grateful to Buddha  
B. think of the Buddha easily  
C. practice the teachings of the Buddha  
D. ask protection from the Buddha