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48th MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Junior Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time: 1 ½ hours

1. There are **75** questions in this paper, answer **all** the questions.
2. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet provided.
3. Give only **1** answer to each question.
4. If you wish to change the answer, erase completely the answer you do not want and then darken your new choice.

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1. Who was the Buddha's mother?
 - A. Queen Maha Maya
 - B. Queen Maha Pajapati
 - C. Princess Yasodhara
 - D. Queen Janapada
2. At what age did Prince Gotama marry Princess Yasodhara?
 - A. 35
 - B. 29
 - C. 16
 - D. 20
3. Prince Siddhattha shaved his hair near the bank of _____ River.
 - A. Anoma
 - B. Ganges
 - C. Yamuna
 - D. Niranjana
4. Which ascetic was also known as Kaladevala?
 - A. Kondanna
 - B. Udakka Ramaputta
 - C. Asita
 - D. Alara Kalama
5. Pippali Manava was the original name of Venerable _____.
 - A. Mahakassapa
 - B. Rahula
 - C. Angulimala
 - D. Ananda
6. The Buddha attempted to abolish _____ for the first time in the known history of the world.
 - A. women
 - B. happiness
 - C. corruption
 - D. slavery
7. Women lay Buddhist disciples are called _____.
 - A. Upasakas
 - B. Upasikas
 - C. Bhikkhus
 - D. Bhikkunis
8. The Bodhisatta gained his Enlightenment at _____.
 - A. Isipatana
 - B. Lumbini Park
 - C. Buddha Gaya
 - D. Kusinara
9. The _____ Noble Truth is about cessation of suffering.
 - A. First
 - B. Second
 - C. Third
 - D. Fourth
10. The Buddha's Ministry lasted for _____ years.
 - A. 45
 - B. 60
 - C. 80
 - D. 100
11. The four sublime state of mind are _____.
 - A. Metta, Karuna, Mudita, Upekkha
 - B. Metta, Sila, Panna, Upekkha
 - C. Metta, Karuna, Sila, Upekkha
 - D. Metta, Dana, Sila, Upekkha
12. The Triple Gem refers to _____.
 - A. Sila, Samadhi, Panna
 - B. Buddha, Dhamma, Sangha
 - C. Buddha, Bodhisatta, Arahant
 - D. Buddha, Arahant, Pacekka Buddha
13. Who was known as Dhamma Senapati?
 - A. Ven. Sariputta
 - B. Ven. Ananda
 - C. Ven. Moggallana
 - D. Ven. Mahakasappa
14. 'I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from using high and luxurious seats' in Pali is _____.
 - A. Vikala Bhojana
 - B. Uccasayana Mahasayana
 - C. Abrahma Cariya
 - D. Kamesu Micchacara

15. In which Jataka was the Bodhisatta born as a dragon?
 A. Maha Janaka B. Lomahamsa
 C. Samkhapala D. Senaka
16. “Vikala Bhojana Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami’ means I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from _____.
 A. false speech
 B. taking food at an unseasonable time
 C. stealing
 D. sexual misconduct
17. Who instigated Ajatasattu to cause the death of his innocent and devout father, King Bimbisara, a Sotapanna?
 A. Ven. Kondanna
 B. Ven. Devadatta
 C. Ven. Angulimala
 D. Ven. Ananda
18. The Four Noble Truths do not include _____.
 A. Suffering
 B. Kamma
 C. Craving
 D. Nibbana
19. The Pali term for morality or virtuous conduct is _____.
 A. Dosa B. Punna
 C. Akusala D. Sila
20. One who is not affected by the conditions of gain and loss, fame and ill-fame, praise and blame, happiness and sorrow, is one who has developed _____.
 Paramita.
 A. Dana B. Metta
 C. Upekkha D. Sila
21. One becomes _____ if he observes the precept of giving up lying.
 A. becomes very careful and his senses become very clear
 B. beautiful
 C. truthful and trustful
 D. full of pity
22. He was known as the disciple foremost in Dhutangas practices. He exchanged his new robes with the Buddha. He received his ordination from the Buddha. Who was he?
 A. Ven. Ananda
 B. Ven. Moggallana
 C. Ven. Sariputta
 D. Ven. Mahakassapa
23. The Bodhisatta adopted the Middle Path to gain Buddhahood. This Middle Path is known as _____.
 A. Majjhima Patipada
 B. Dhammapada
 C. Samma Sambuddha
 D. Majjamadathana
24. What benefit can one gain by giving up intoxicant?
 A. Live a longer life
 B. Can be trusted
 C. Have a good health
 D. Becomes careful and have a very clear mind
25. How does one become a Buddhist?
 A. Pray to the Buddha
 B. Take refuge in the Triple Gem
 C. Offer flowers to the Buddha
 D. Burn joss papers

26. There are ten evil actions caused by deed, word and thought. Which of the following evil actions is caused by thought?
- Lying
 - Killing
 - Stealing
 - Ill-will
27. Who was the Buddha's **first** royal patron?
- King Asoka
 - King Suddhodana
 - King Bimbisara
 - King Kosala
28. What is the third stage of Sainthood?
- Arahant
 - Sotapanna
 - Sakadagami
 - Anagami
29. There are _____ Blessings in the Mangala Sutta?
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| A. 38 | B. 37 |
| C. 36 | D. 39 |
30. Who was known as Treasurer of the Dhamma?
- Ven. Sariputta
 - Ven. Moggallana
 - Ven. Mahakassapa
 - Ven. Ananda
31. All the following are true about Paceyka Buddha except _____.
- only one Paceyka Buddha arises at a time.
 - to become a Paceyka Buddha, one should practice ten perfections.
 - He attains Enlightenment without any outside spiritual assistance.
 - He had cultivated for a number of kappas.
32. Which Paritta is associated with child birth?
- Khanda
 - Angulimala
 - Jaya Paritta
 - Mora
33. The Blessings in the Mangala Sutta include all the following except ____.
- gratitude
 - auspicious sound
 - patience
 - much learning
34. King Suddhodana heard that Lord Buddha and his disciples were going round begging for alms at Kapilavatthu, he _____.
- felt insulted and ashamed
 - was surprised and happy
 - approved Lord Buddha's action
 - gave alms to Lord Buddha readily
35. Atthanga Sila is _____.
- 8 Precepts
 - 10 Precepts
 - 5 Precepts
 - 227 Precepts
36. What was the main reason Prince Siddhattha renounced the world and became an ascetic?
- To seek a holy life
 - To seek knowledge
 - To seek honour
 - To seek Truth and Peace
37. The following are the evil effects of killing, except _____.
- short life
 - diseased

- C. constant fear
D. careless and loss of all senses
38. What is the meaning of Samma-Sam Buddha?
A. The Final Bliss
B. The Highest Order
C. The Highest Knowledge
D. The fully Enlightened One
39. After his Enlightenment, what did the Buddha do throughout the second week?
A. He sat under the Bodhi Tree
B. He stood gazing at the Bodhi Tree
C. He planted another Bodhi Tree
D. He walked around the Bodhi Tree
40. The First Sermon was preached to _____.
A. The Three Kassapa Brothers
B. The Five companions of the ascetic Gotama
C. Alara Kalama
D. Uddaka Ramaputta
41. Bhaddakaccana and Bimba were other names of _____.
A. Ven. Khema
B. Queen Maya
C. Princess Yasodhara
D. Visakha
42. “Chief, am I in this world” in Pali is _____.
A. Aggo aham asmim lokassa
B. Sabba danam dhamma lokassa
C. Sabbe satta sukhi hotu
D. Evam me sutam
43. What was the cause of suffering?
A. Laziness B. Poverty
C. Craving D. Death
44. Who initiated the idea of setting up of the Bhikkhuni Order?
A. Princess Yasodhara
B. Maha Pajapati Gotami
C. Khema
D. Visakha
45. For 6 years the Ascetic Gotama practised all forms of austerities at a place called _____.
A. Uruvela
B. Istipatana
C. Kusinara
D. Benares
46. The Buddha preached the First Sermon, Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta, also known as _____.
A. “A Paean of Joy”
B. “Discourse on Blessings”
C. “The Turning of the Wheel of Truth”
D. “Discourse on Loving-kindness”
47. What is the Pali word for the “Three Refuges”?
A. Vandana
B. Panca Sila
C. Tisarana
D. Atthanga Sila
48. What is the Pali word for precept?
A. Sila B. Sikkhapada
C. Karuna D. Khanti
49. Which Noble Truth explains the cause of suffering?
A. First B. Second
C. Third D. Forth

50. Who was Ascetic Gotama's first teacher?
- Alara Kalama
 - Udaka Ramaputta
 - Asita, the sage
 - Ascetic Kondanna
51. What happened in the First Watch of the night when ascetic Gotama achieved Enlightenment?
- He was able to see death and rebirth of beings.
 - He destroyed all passions.
 - He understood the Four Noble Truth.
 - He was able to remember his past lives.
52. Which of the following items is not a requisite for a monk?
- Cologne
 - Knife
 - Towel
 - Belt
53. On the 6th week after the Buddha gained Perfect Enlightenment, what sheltered the Buddha from a storm of cold winds and heavy rain?
- A jewelled chamber
 - A serpent king
 - A golden bridge
 - A white elephant
54. Which of the following is considered as Right Speech?
- Slandering
 - Tell the truth
 - Harsh words
 - Frivolous talks
55. We may become _____ in the future if we break the 5th precept.
- sloth and torpor
 - sleepy and happy
 - heedless and foolish
 - active and happy
56. "Musavada Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami" is the _____ precept.
- first
 - second
 - third
 - fourth
57. What is the most suitable way to serve the Buddha?
- To recite a lot of prayers.
 - Discussion on Buddha Dhamma.
 - Practise Buddha Dhamma.
 - Erect many images of the Buddha.
58. The following are the advice of all the Buddhas, except _____.
- Not to do evil
 - To do good
 - To indulge in luxury goods
 - To purify one's mind
59. How can children practise morality?
- By being addicted to computer games.
 - By indulging in the latest trend.
 - Expecting parents to provide everything he/she wanted.
 - By observing the precepts.
60. What are the 3 roots of evil?
- Sloth, torpor and delusion
 - Desire, hatred and laziness
 - Desire, hatred and delusion
 - Desire, slander and delusion
61. Why do we seek refuge in the Sangha?
- Because we ask for blessings from monks.
 - Because they are the Holy disciples who have understood the Dhamma.
 - Because we are in fear.

- D. Because it is a family tradition.
62. What is the second blessing in the Mangala Sutta?
 A. To associate with the wise.
 B. To respect the respectable.
 C. To reside at a favourable place.
 D. To be well read.
63. Pick the correct statement about Prince Siddhattha.
 I. He was born in the year 623 B.C.
 II. He married Princess Yasodhara
 III. He named his son Rahula
 IV. His father was King Bimbisara
 A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
 C. I, III and IV D. all the above
64. Among those who had attended on the Ascetic Gotama during his search of Truth were _____.
 I. Bhaddiya
 II. Vappa
 III. Mahanama
 IV. Assaji
 A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
 C. I, III and IV D. all the above
65. An Arahant is _____.
 I. one who has attained Enlightenment without any spiritual assistance from outside sources
 II. a Worthy One
 III. one who has attained the fourth stage of sainthood
 IV. one who is not subject to rebirth because he does not accumulate fresh karmic activities
 A. I, II and III B. II, III and IV
 C. I, III and IV D. all the above
66. Who were the two Chief Female Disciples in the Order of Nuns?
 I. Maha Pajapati Gotami
 II. Khema
 III. Uppalavanna
 IV. Visakha
 A. I & II B. II & III
 C. II & IV D. I & IV
67. Which of the following are true about the First Council?
 I. It was held 3 months after the Maha-Parinibbana of the Buddha.
 II. The First Council was held at Rajagaha.
 III. Venerable Kassapa was the presiding Thera at the First Council.
 IV. It was held under the patronage of King Bimbisara.
 A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
 C. I, III and IV D. all the above
68. Which of the following **are** part of the Vinaya Rules?
 I. Monks are not allowed to take intoxicants.
 II. Monks are not allowed to eat evening meals.
 III. Monks are allowed to do business.
 IV. Monks are allowed to accept requisites.
 A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
 C. I, III and IV D. all the above
69. A real donor should _____.
 I. expect nothing in return from the recipient
 II. expect something in return from the recipient
 III. give with a sincere heart

- IV. give possessions to others in need
A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
C. I, III and IV D. all the above

70. Select the correct match.

- I. Panna - Wisdom
II. Khanti - Patience
III. Sacca - Truthfulness
IV. Metta – Loving-kindness
A. I, II and II B. I, II and IV
C. I, III and IV D. all the above

71. The following are colours of the Buddhist flag except _____

- I. Green
II. Brown
III. White
IV. Blue
A. I & II B. II & III
C. II & IV D. I & IV

72. Which of the following are considered as Weighty Kamma?

- I. Killing of mother
II. Wounding a Buddha
III. Quarrelling with siblings
IV. Creating a Schism in the Sangha.
A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
C. I, III and IV D. all the above

73. Among the 10 Meritorious Actions are:

- I. Meditate
II. Listen to the Dhamma
III. Straighten one's views
IV. Acquire super natural powers

- A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
C. I, III and IV D. all the above

74. What causes suffering to arise?

- I. Separated from those we love the most.
II. When we do not expect.
III. When our wish is not fulfilled.
IV. When we come in contact with people or things we don't like.
A. I, II and III B. I, II and IV
C. I, III and IV D. all the above

75. Which of the following are profitless practices:

- I. Constant practice of Majjhima Patipada.
II. Constant attachment to sensual pleasures.
III. Constant practice of self-mortification.
IV. Constant attachment to online games.
A. I, II and III B. II, III and IV
C. I, III and IV D. all the above