

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

50th MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Junior Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time: 1 ½ hours

1. There will be ONE paper of ONE AND A HALF hours duration.
2. The paper consists of two sections:
 - Section I: 55 Multiple Choice Questions
 - Section II: 20 Fill in the Blank Questions
3. Candidates are required to answer ALL the questions in Section I and Section II.
4. Give only **1** answer to each question.
5. If you wish to change your answer, delete the answer you do not want and then type your new choice.

Section I – 55 Multiple Choice Questions.

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the **best answer** for each question and type the letter : **A, B, C** or **D** .

1. Gotama Buddha was born as a Bodhisatta in the time Buddha Dipankara and he made a vow to strive for Sammasambuddhahood. Give the name of the Bodhisatta.
A. Vessantara
B. Samkhapala
C. Sumedha
D. Nekkhamma
2. The following are the Pali names of the 3 palaces built for Prince Siddhattha except _____.
A. Ramma
B. Surama
C. Suloha.
D. Veluvana
3. Give one other name of Princess Yasodhara.
A. Pamita
B. Bhaddakaccana
C. Kisa Gotami
D. Arati
4. The precept to abstain from taking food between noon and the following dawn is the _____ of the Eight Precepts.
A. fifth B. sixth
C. seventh D. eighth
5. The Buddhist Era began with the _____ of the Buddha.
A. birth B. renunciation
C. Parinibbana D. enlightenment
6. What was the tree that sprung up on Prince Siddhattha's birthday at Buddha Gaya?
A. Bodhi tree B. Bayan tree
C. Rose Apple tree D. Sala tree
7. When Prince Siddhattha renounced the world, his favourite horse, Kanthaka died out of grief, it was then born in which heaven?
A. Tavatimsa B. Tusita
C. Catumaharajika D. Yama
8. What was the name of Maha Pajapati Gotami's son?
A. Ananda
B. Kala Devala
C. Nanda
D. Kaludayi
9. A celestial being named _____ invited The Buddha to teach The Dhamma.
A. Asita
B. Uddaka Ramaputta
C. Kondanna
D. Brahma Sahampati
10. The ascetic Gotama learnt the doctrine of Alara Kalama and developed _____.
A. The First Jhana
B. The Sixth Arupa Jhana
C. The Seventh Arupa Jhana
D. The final stage of mental concentration

11. What is the meaning of “Sacca”?
- A. Peace B. Truth
C. Noble D. Holy
12. What is the Pali word for precept?
- A. Sikkhapaka
B. Sikkhakama
C. Sikkhapada
D. Sikkhapana
13. The Bodhi tree was originally known as _____ tree.
- A. Bayan
B. Ajapala
C. Maculinda
D. Pippala
14. Among the Kassapa Brothers, who was the first to be converted by the Buddha?
- A. Uruvela Kassapa
B. Maha Kassapa
C. Gaya Kasappa
D. Nadi Kasappa
15. On the _____ day after the Prince’s birth, he was named Siddhattha Gotama, which means ‘wish fulfilled’.
- A. 3rd B. 5th
C. 6th D. 7th
16. Which of the following does not fall into the group of Sila?
- A. Right Livelihood B. Right Action
C. Right Effort D. Right Speech
17. At the end of the seventh day (after Enlightenment), The Buddha emerged from that state of concentration and in the first watch of the night He thoroughly reflected on _____.
- A. Paticca Samuppada
B. all His past lives
C. all His psychic power
D. Bliss of Emancipation
18. The Venerable _____ became the first Arahant and the senior member of the Sangha.
- A. Sariputta B. Ananda
C. Assaji D. Kondanna
19. “Evam me Sutam’ means _____.
- A. Thus have he said
B. Thus have I heard
C. Thus have we heard
D. Thus have I said
20. Which word means ‘to give up’ the worldly pleasures?
- A. Khanti B. Viriya
C. Nekkhamma D. Sacca
21. Who were the first group of people who received the teachings of The Buddha and ordained to be Bhikkhus?
- A. Tapassu and Bhallika
B. Yasa and his followers
C. Three Kasappa Brothers
D. The first five Arahants
22. The first discourse of The Buddha was expounded in _____.
- A. Isipatana
B. Savatthi
C. Rajagaha
D. Kapilavatthu
23. A millionaire in Savatthi who was also known as the Feeder of the Helpless was _____.
- A. Ajatasattu
B. Anathapindika
C. Abhaya
D. Kolita
24. The Buddha despatched his first _____ disciples in various directions to propagate the sublime Dhamma.
- A. five B. thirty
C. fifty D. sixty

25. Who was the first lay disciple (Upasaka) to take refuge in the Triple Gem?
A. King Bimbisara B. Yasa's father
C. King Suddhodana D. Yasa
26. Venerable Sariputta attained Arahantship _____ after receiving the ordination from The Buddha.
A. seven weeks
B. five weeks
C. two weeks
D. one week
27. Throughout the Ministry of The Buddha, He spent major part of His life at _____.
A. Deer Park
B. Pinnacled Hall
C. Bamboo Grove
D. Jetavana Monastery
28. The Venerable _____ was made the Chief in matters pertaining to the Vinayas.
A. Ananda B. Maha Kassapa
C. Sariputta D. Moggallana
29. By practising loving-kindness we eradicate _____.
A. selfishness B. greed
C. ignorance D. ill-will
30. Bhukkuni Sasana was formed in the _____ Vassana year of The Buddha.
A. 6th B. 5th
C. 4th D. 3rd
31. If a person observes the Five precepts strictly and diligently, he/she is considered practising the _____ Paramita.
A. Sila B. Dana
C. Khanti D. Sacca
32. Pick the correct verse.
A. Itipiso Bhagavam Araham Samma Sambuddho
B. Itipiso Bhagava Arahant Samma Sambuddho
C. Itipiso Bhagava Araham Samma Sambuddho
D. Itipiso Bhagava Araham Samma Sambuddha
33. Which relative of Gotama Buddha would become a Pacceka Buddha in the future?
A. Yasodhara
B. Nanda
C. Ananda
D. Devadatta
34. One of the causes of poverty is by breaking the _____ precept.
A. 1st B. 2nd
C. 3rd D. 4th
35. The 4th Noble Truth is the Path to _____.
A. Prosperity
B. Pure Land
C. Brahma World
D. the end of sorrow
36. _____ is the first virtue of the Dhamma.
A. Akaliko
B. Svakkhato
C. Sanditthiko
D. Ehipassiko
37. _____ is the discourse on Blessings.
A. Metta Sutta
B. Ratana Sutta
C. Sigalovada Sutta
D. Mangala Sutta

38. "Sura Meraya Majja Pamadatthana Veramani Sikkhpadam Samadiyami" is the precept related to _____.
- false speech
 - sexual misconduct
 - intoxication
 - stealing
39. Who was the father of Venerable Ananda?
- King Kosala
 - King Amitodana
 - King Suddhodana
 - King Bimbisara
40. First stage of Sainthood is known as _____.
- Sotapanna
 - Sakadagami
 - Anagami
 - Arahant
41. Which of the following are not Right Speech?
- Lying
 - Slandering
 - Harsh words
 - Frivolous talks
- I, II & III
 - II, III & IV
 - I, III & IV
 - All the above
42. Pick the correct statements.
- The Buddha was a human being.
 - The Buddha became an extraordinary being.
 - The Buddha is called Sabbannu-Omniscient.
 - The Buddha was an immortal being.
- I, II & III
 - II, III & IV
 - I, III & IV
 - All the above
43. What happened on the 50th day of the Buddha's Enlightenment?
- Three daughters of Mara came to tempt The Buddha.
 - The Buddha sat under Ajapala Bayan Tree.
 - A Serpent King sheltered The Buddha when it rained heavily.
 - Two merchants named Tapassu and Bhallika offered flour and honey to The Buddha
- I & II
 - I & III
 - II & III
 - IV only
44. The evil effects of killing include:
- Diseasedness.
 - Constant grief caused by separation from loved ones.
 - Constant Fear.
 - Having many enemies.
- I, II & III
 - II, III & IV
 - I, III & IV
 - All the above
45. What are the virtues of Sangha?
- Worthy of offerings
 - Worthy of hospitality
 - Worthy of gifts
 - To be attained by the wise
- I, II & III
 - II, III & IV
 - I, II & IV
 - All the above
46. In Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta, which of the following are taught?
- Modes of Birth
 - Noble Eightfold Path
 - Middle Path
 - Four Noble Truths
- I, II & III
 - II, III & IV
 - I, II & IV
 - All the above
47. A real donor should _____.
- expect something of equal value from the recipient
 - give what is not needed
 - not expect anything from the recipient
 - give voluntarily
- I & II
 - I & III
 - II & III
 - III & IV

48. Ten Meritorious Deeds include:
- I. Reverence
 - II. Service
 - III. Mental Culture
 - IV. Dana
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

49. Pick the correct statements.
- I. Every person can attain Enlightenment.
 - II. It is possible for women to attain Arahantship.
 - III. Venerable Sariputta was also known as Kolita.
 - IV. Rahula was The Buddha's 2nd Chief Disciple
- A. I & II B. I & III
C. II & III D. III & IV

50. Which Buddhist symbols can be seen at Buddhist temples?
- I. Crucifix
 - II. Swastika
 - III. Stupa
 - IV. Dhammacakkha
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

51. Which are the top 10 Highest Blessings in the Mangala Sutta:
- I. To have one's mind properly directed.
 - II. To be proficient in one's work.
 - III. Well-disciplined behaviour.
 - IV. To speak nicely and pleasantly.
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

52. Which evil actions are caused by deeds?

- I. stealing
 - II. slandering
 - III. killing
 - IV. Sexual misconduct
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

53. Choose the statements which are the advice of The Buddha.
- I. Purify the souls.
 - II. Cease all evil acts.
 - III. Perform wholesome deeds.
 - IV. Not to associate with the fools.
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

54. What are the qualities of Venerable Ananda?
- I. Wide knowledge.
 - II. Could expound the Dhamma with the same depth of meaning as The Buddha.
 - III. Resolute.
 - IV. Good behaviour.
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

55. In the Kalama Sutta, The Buddha advised us not to believe in anything _____.
- I. because you have heard it
 - II. because it is spoken and rumoured by many
 - III. because it is the tradition
 - IV. because it has been handed down for many generations
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

Section II- Fill in the Blank Questions.

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the blanks with the correct answers to complete the statements given in questions 56 to 75. Pick your answers from the choices given in the box below. **Type the correct letters (A-Y)** on the space provided for you to type your answers. **Use each letter only once.** There are five extra letters which you do not need to use.

A. Bodhisatta	B. Triple Gem	C. Arahant
D. King Bimbisara	E. Vandana	F. akusala
G. Devas	H. corpse	I. Atthanga
J. Upekkha	K. sick man	L. Vikalabhojana
M. Perfection	N. Upali	O. Attha Parikkhara
P. Ananda	Q. Vinaya Pitaka	R. Moggallana
S. Khanti	T. Sutta Pitaka	U. departed relatives
V. Loving-kindness	W. Subhadda	X. King Suddhodana
Y. Cunda		

56. The eight requisites in Pali is _____.

57. Parami means _____.

58. Pali word for evil action is _____.

59. *'Ettavata Ca Amhehi Sambhatam Punna Sampadam
Sabbe Devanumodantu Sabba Sampatti Siddhiya'*
The above verse is Transference of Merit to _____.

60. _____ Paramita is practised to keep our mind balanced against the Eight Vicissitudes of Life.

61. *'Idam Me Natinamhotu
Sukhita Hontu Natayo'*
The above verse is Transference of Merit to _____.

62. A person who aspires to be a Supreme Buddha is known as a _____.

63. _____ refers to eating at the forbidden time.

64. The third sight experienced by Prince Siddhattha when he stepped out of the palace for the very first time is a _____.

65. Homage to the Buddha is also known as Buddha _____.

66. Venerable _____ was a barber before entering the Order of Sangha.

67. Rules for monks can be found in the _____.
68. Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha refer to the _____.
69. The Eight Precepts is known as _____ Sila in Pali.
70. Venerable _____ was the Second Chief Disciple to The Buddha.
71. By controlling one's temper through the right understanding of the real nature of life, one is practising _____ paramita.
72. The _____ is one who has attained the stage of Sainthood where he will no longer be reborn anywhere. After death he attains Parinibbana.
73. _____ is one of the Four Brahma Viharas.
74. _____ requested the Buddha not to ordain anyone without prior consent of one's parents.
75. _____ was a smith before he met the Buddha.
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