

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

45th MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Senior Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time: **2** hours

1. There are **20** objective questions in **Section 1** and **12** essay type questions in **Section 2**.
2. For **Section 1**, answer **all** questions. Choose only **1** answer for each question. Mark the correct answer on the separate answer sheet provided. If you wish to change your answer, erase completely the choice you have made earlier and mark your new answer.
3. For **Section 2**, answer only **4** questions. Choose only **1** question from each part.

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SECTION 1

1. "The royal lineage is yours O King; Mine is the Buddha lineage." The Buddha said this to _____.
A. King Suddhodana
B. King Pasenadi
C. King Bimbisara
D. King Kosala
2. Every Sutta of the Pali Canon begins with "Evam me sutam..." meaning "Thus have I heard..." Whom does the "I" refer to?
A. Venerable Ananda
B. Venerable Maha Kassapa
C. Venerable Sariputta
D. Venerable Upali
3. Who was the last convert of the Buddha?
A. Venerable Sati
B. Venerable Sariputta
C. Venerable Subhadda
D. Venerable Sivali
4. Which disciple exchanged his robes with the Buddha?
A. Venerable Anuruddha
B. Venerable Moggallana
C. Venerable Sariputta
D. Venerable Mahakassapa
5. Prince Siddhattha renounced his princely life to search for _____.
A. the meaning of life
B. freedom from suffering
C. supernormal power
D. love and peace
6. According to Theravada Buddhism, there are _____ planes of existence.
A. 6
B. 16
C. 31
D. 32
7. The Buddha preached that the individual is composed of the Five Aggregates. This refers to _____.
A. Panca Sila
B. Panca Khandha
C. Panca Nivarana
D. Panca Indriya
8. If there is no self, that which reaps one's kamma is _____.
A. Cetana
B. Sanna
C. Sankhara
D. Vedana
9. One who practices the Viriya Paramita is very _____.
A. diligent
B. generous
C. honest
D. wise
10. The practice of loving-kindness meditation will help to eradicate _____.
A. greed, hatred and delusion
B. anger and hatred
C. ignorance and stupidity
D. sense desire and greed
11. In the Paticca Samuppada, what conditions Viññāna to arise?
A. Avijja
B. Sankhara
C. Namarupa
D. Salayatana
12. The practice of Dana will help to eradicate _____.
A. jealousy
B. ill-will
C. greed
D. delusion

13. During the First Dhamma Council who recited the Vinaya?
A. Venerable Upali
B. Venerable Ananda
C. Venerable Kassapa
D. Venerable Anuruddha

14. “He who does not support his parents, he is the cause of his own downfall” This is taught in the _____.
A. Kalama Sutta
B. Mangala Sutta
C. Parabhava Sutta
D. Vasala Sutta

15. The Buddha always referred to Himself as _____.
A. Araham
B. Bhante
C. Bhagava
D. Tathagata

For Questions 16 to 20, choose
A If I, II, and III are correct
B If II and III are correct
C If II and IV are correct
D If all are correct

16. A Sotapana has eradicated _____, _____ and cultivated _____.
I. self delusion
II. adherence to rites and rituals
III. absolute faith in the Triple Gem
IV. Nibbana

17. The First Dhamma Council was held to recite the
I. Sutta
II. Vinaya
III. Dhamma
IV. Abhidhamma

18. What is the essence of the Buddha’s teaching?
I. Do Good
II. Avoid Evil
III. Purify the Mind
IV. Meditate on loving kindness

19. What is taught in the Mangala Sutta?
I. To associate with the wise
II. To have much learning
III. To be righteous in conduct
IV. To support father and mother

20. Which of the following are NOT teachings of the Buddha?
I. Cause and Effect
II. Ignorance is the first cause
III. Three characteristics of life
IV. Nibbana is the highest plane of existence

SECTION 2

PART A

1. Describe clearly the major events that happened in the life history of the Buddha to show that he had served humanity selflessly during his forty-five years of ministry.
2. In the Nava Guna Gatha (Nine Virtues Stanza), explain all the nine virtues of the Buddha. Elaborate on two incidents which illustrate his quality as “Sammāsambuddho”.
3. What are the Four Sights? What is their impact on the Buddha’s view of life?

PART B

4. What are the virtues of the Dhamma? How does practice of the Dhamma lead to self realization?
5. What is the Buddha’s teaching on Cause and Effect? How does this teaching relate to rebirth?
6. What is the Law of Dependent Origination? Explain clearly how this leads from birth to death in human existence.

PART C

7. Explain the nine virtues of the Sangha. Elaborate on the role of the Sangha as a field of merit.
8. Who is Venerable Mahākāśśapa? Describe his role in the First Buddhist Council.
9. Who nursed the infant Buddha-to-be after his mother Mahā Maya passed away? What role did she play in the formation of the Bhikkhuni Sangha or Female Monastics?

PART D

10. What are the Five Precepts? What are the conditions for breaking the fourth precept? Why is it difficult to uphold this precept?
11. What are the 11 benefits of loving kindness meditation? Explain how to practice loving-kindness meditation to a beginner.
12. What is the Buddhist teaching on gratitude? Support your answer with examples from the Texts.

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