

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

46th 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 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. Where did Queen Maha Maya give birth to the royal baby?
A Deer Park
B Kapilavatthu Park
C Lumbini Park
D Mahabodhi Park
2. Who was the ascetic who came to the palace to see the royal baby and cried?
A Ananda B Asita
C Kondanna D Ramaputta
3. What was the family name of the royal baby?
A Gotama B Sakya
C Gotami D Siddhattha
4. When did Queen Maha Maya pass away after giving birth?
A 7 days
B 7 weeks
C 7 months
D 7 years
5. During the Name-Giving Ceremony, who was very certain that the royal baby would become the Buddha and not a universal Monarch?
A Asita B Kondanna
C Sahampati D Mahanama
6. At which ceremony did King Suddhodana salute the Prince for the first time?
A The Name-Giving Ceremony
B The Ploughing Festival
C The Wedding Ceremony
D The Renunciation
7. How many palaces were built for Prince Siddhattha to enjoy life?
A 1 B 2
C 3 D 4
8. What was the First Sight that Prince Siddhattha saw when he came out of the Palace?
A An old man B A sick man
C A dead man D A mendicant
9. At what age did Prince Siddhattha renounce his princely life?
A 16 B 29 C 35 D 80
10. Who was with Prince Siddhattha on the night of his renunciation?
A Ananda B Rahula
C Channa D Kondanna
11. What was the name of Prince Siddhattha's son?
A Asoka
B Visakha
C Nanda
D Rahula
12. What was the main reason Prince Siddhattha renounced the world and became an ascetic?
A to seek a holy life
B to seek knowledge
C to seek honour
D to seek truth and peace
13. Under whose tutelage did the ascetic Gotama develop the seventh Arupa Jhana?
A Ascetic Asita
B Alara Kalama
C Uddaka Ramaputta
D Sanjaya
14. How many years of self-mortification did the ascetic Gotama endure?
A 3 B 4 C 5 D 6

15. What virtues aided the ascetic Gotama in his striving for Buddhahood?
 I self-control II confidence
 III energy IV aversion
 A I, II, III B I, II, IV
 C I, III, IV D II, III, IV
16. What was the first enemy the ascetic Gotama had to overcome before he attained Enlightenment?
 A hunger B thirst
 C sense desires D lust
17. What is the name of the place where ascetic Gotama attained Buddhahood?
 A Lumbini Park B Buddha Gaya
 C Isipatana D Sarnath
18. What is the meaning of “tanha”?
 A fear B greed
 C lust D craving
19. At what age did ascetic Gotama attain Buddhahood?
 A 29 B 35 C 45 D 80
20. What were the names of the three daughters of Mara?
 A Dosa, Arati and Tanha
 B Raga, Dosa and Moha
 C Moha, Raga and Arati
 D Tanha, Rati and Raga
21. What is the meaning of “Samma Sambodhi” ?
 A The Final Bliss
 B The Highest Order
 C The Highest Knowledge
 D The Perfect Enlightenment
22. Who were the first 2 converts of the Buddha?
 A Bhaddiya and Vappa
 B Tapassu and Bhallika
 C Sariputta and Mogallana
 D Assaji and Ananda
23. After His Enlightenment, what did the Buddha do throughout the second week?
 A He stood under the Bodhi Tree
 B He stood gazing at the Bodhi Tree
 C He meditated under the Bodhi Tree
 D He walked around the Bodhi Tree
24. Why did a serpent king keep his large hood over the head of the Buddha at Buddha Gaya?
 A To protect the Buddha from Mara
 B To protect the Buddha from the sun
 C To shelter the Buddha from heavy rain
 D To shelter the Buddha from snow
25. What was the name of the divine being who invited the Buddha to teach the Dhamma?
 A Alara Kalama
 B Bimbisara
 C Uddaka Ramaputta
 D Brahma Sahampati
26. To whom did the Buddha preach the First Sermon?
 A the three Kassapa Brothers
 B the Five Monks
 C Alara Kalama
 D Uddaka Ramaputta

27. What is the meaning of Majjhima Patipada?
 A The Right Path
 B The Good Path
 C The Middle Path
 D The Higher Path
28. What is the Pali name of the Sutta expounded in the First Sermon of the Buddha?
 A Ratana Sutta
 B Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta
 C Adittapariyaya Sutta
 D Maha Mangala Sutta
29. “Dukkha Samudaya Ariya Sacca” is the _____ Noble Truth.
 A First B Second
 C Third D Fourth
30. What is the meaning of “Samma Ajiva”?
 A Right Speech
 B Right Action
 C Right Livelihood
 D Right Effort
31. Which Noble Truth explains the cessation of suffering?
 A First B Second
 C Third D Fourth
32. What is the cause of suffering?
 A Laziness B Craving
 C Death D Poverty
33. Who was the first of disciple of the Buddha to attain arahantship?
 A Sariputta B Moggalana
 C Assaji D Kondanna
34. Which of the following explains the Path leading to the cessation of suffering?
 A First Noble Truth
 B Second Noble Truth
 C Third Noble Truth
 D Fourth Noble Truth
35. Which word means to give up worldly pleasures?
 A viriya B khanti
 C nekkhamma D mudita
36. Which is the fourth precept?
 A Panatipata veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
 B Adinnadana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
 C Kamesu micchacara veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
 D Musavada veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
37. “Vikāla bhojana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami” is the _____ for those observing the Eight Precepts.
 A fifth precept B sixth precept
 C seventh precept D eighth precept
38. After the conversion of Yasa and his 54 friends, the Buddha had a total of _____ disciples.
 A 55 B 60 C 500 D 1000
39. The three Kassapa Brothers and their followers attained arahantship after hearing the Buddha preach _____.
 A The Metta Sutta
 B The Ratana Sutta
 C The Adittapariyāya Sutta
 D The Anattalakkhana Sutta

40. Who was the King of Rajagaha during the Buddha's time?
 A Asoka B Bimbisara
 C Kosala D Suppabuddha
41. "Evam me suttam" means:
 A Come, O' Bhikkhus
 B Let us listen to the Sutta
 C Thus have I heard
 D Avoid Evil and Do Good
42. Who offered the Bamboo Grove to the Buddha and the Sangha?
 A Visakha B King Bimbisara
 C Ambapali D Anathapindika
43. Rahula was ordained at the age of
 A five B six C seven D eight
44. Who ordained Rahula upon request by the Buddha?
 A Ananda B Moggalana
 C Kassapa D Sariputta
45. Who was a barber before entering the Order of the Sangha?
 A Yasa B Sunita
 C Upali D Angulimala
46. The two extremes to be avoided as taught in the Majjhima Patipada are
 A gain and loss
 B praise and blame
 C fame and dishonour
 D indulgence in sensual pleasures and self-mortification
47. Who instructed Rahula to ask for his inheritance from the Buddha?
 A King Suddhodana
 B Maha Pajapati Gotami
 C Princess Yasodara
 D Queen Maha Maya
48. How old was the Buddha when Ananda became his attendant?
 A 35 years old B 55 years old
 C 65 years old D 80 years old.
49. Which disciple of the Buddha requested that vegetarianism be made compulsory for the Sangha?
 A Sariputta B Maha Kassapa
 C Devadatta D Angulimala
50. Who instigated Ajatasattu to kill his own father?
 A Angulimala B Moggalana
 C Canna D Devadatta
51. When did Angulimala try to take the Buddha's life?
 A after collecting 99 fingers
 B after collecting 999 fingers
 C after collecting 100 fingers
 D after collecting 1000 fingers
52. Who summarised the profound teaching of the Buddha to Sariputta?
 A Assaji B Bhaddiya
 C Mahanama D Yasa
53. Who initiated the idea of setting up of the Bhikkhuni Order?
 A Princess Yasodara
 B Maha Pajapati Gotami
 C Visakha
 D Khema
54. In the Order of Nuns, who were appointed the two chief female disciples?
 A Khema and Uppalavanna
 B Yasodara and Khema
 C Visakha and Ambapali
 D Queen Mallika and Maha Pajapati Gotami

55. Which disciple of the Buddha was famous for his psychic power?
 A Ananda B Sariputta
 C Moggallana D Maha Kassapa
56. The Buddha spent 19 rainy seasons in _____ built by Anathapindika.
 A Veluvana B Jetavana
 C Mahavana D Pubbarama
57. The afternoon sessions in the Buddha's daily routine was used for
 A surveying the world with His Divine Eye
 B preaching the Dhamma
 C meditation
 D resting and sleeping
58. How did the Buddha define a Brahmin?
 A by his birth
 B by his genes
 C by his skin colour
 D by his virtuous deeds
59. What is the Pali term for female lay disciple?
 A Samanera
 B Bhikkhu
 C Upasika
 D Upasaka
60. Who was regarded as the chief in matters pertaining to the Vinaya?
 A Ven Maha Kassapa
 B Ven Moggallana
 C Ven Sariputta
 D Ven Upali
61. Who had a very good retentive memory and thus was assigned to recite the Suttas at the First Council?
 A Ven Ananda
 B Ven Maha Kassapa
 C Ven Sariputta
 D Ven Anuruddha
62. At what age did the Buddha pass into Mahaparinibbāna?
 A 60 B 70
 C 80 D 90
63. Who offered the last meal to the Buddha?
 A Cunda B Visakha
 C Ambapali D Sujata
64. Where did the Buddha preach the last sermon?
 A at Sarnath
 B at Kusinara
 C at Bodhi Gaya
 D at Vulture's Peak
65. The Buddha's last moment before His passing away into Mahaparinibbāna was at
 A a mango grove
 B a bamboo grove
 C a sala tree grove
 D a bodhi tree grove
66. Who was also known as the Chief Benefactress of the Buddha?
 A Maha Pajapati Gotami
 B Visakha
 C Ambapali
 D Yasodara

67. After entering the Bhikkhuni Order, to which level of attainment did Yasodara achieve?

- A Sottapati B Sakadagami
C Anagami D Arahant

68. When did the Buddha utter the Paeon of Joy?

- A after his son Rahula was born
B after his renunciation from his princely life
C after his attainment of Perfect Enlightenment
D at the moment of his Mahaparinibbāna

69. How long did the Buddha's Ministry last?

- A 35 years B 45 years
C 80 years D 500 years

70. Which of the following are related to Sila?

- I Right Speech
II Right Action
III Right Livelihood
IV Right Effort
A I, II, III B I, II, IV
C I, III, IV D II, III, IV

71. Which of these are related to bodily action?

- I destroying life
II taking what is not given
III sexual misconduct
IV idle chatter
A I, II, III B I, II, IV
C I, III, IV D II, III, IV

72. Which of these are related to Panna?

- I Right Mindfulness
II Right Concentration
III Right View
IV Right Thought
A I and II B II and III
C III and IV D I and IV

73. The cessation of suffering can be achieved by practising

- A the Noble Eightfold Path
B Generosity
C Self-Mortification
D Vegetarianism

74. Who was the presiding Thera at the First Dhamma Council after the Mahaparinibbana of the Buddha?

- A Venerable Upali
B Venerable Ananda
C Venerable Kassapa
D Venerable Rahula

75. What were the last words of the Buddha?

- A Go forth for the good of the many
B Strive on with diligence
C For him who is free from craving, there is no grief, whence fear.
D Herein a clansman abstains from killing, stealing, unchastity, lying and intoxicants that cause infatuation and heedlessness