

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

46th 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. Only **1** answer is to be given to each question. You are required to mark the correct answer on the separate answer sheet provided. If you wish to change the answer, erase completely the choice you have made earlier and mark your new answer.
3. For Section 2, answer **1** question from each part of the section.

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SECTION 1

1. What are the Deva-Dhamma i.e. the two mental factors that govern the behavior of humans in this world?
A. Morality & Concentration
B. Loving kindness & Compassion
C. Shameless & Fearless
D. Shame & Fear
2. The fundamental laws of nature as analysed by the Buddha are collectively known as _____.
A. Sacca
B. Niyama
C. Paramatta
D. Pannati
3. What does the following verse refer to? “Misery only doth exist, none miserable nor doer is there, naught save deed is found”.
A. Anicca
B. Dukkha
C. Anatta
D. Sakayaditthi
4. In the Paticcasamuppada, what causes the viññana to arise?
A. avijja
B. sankhara
C. salayatana
D. namarupa
5. This phenomena takes place instantly without any difference to the being born in heaven, hell, animal, demon or hungry ghost realm.
A. relinking-consciousness
B. mental formation
C. perception
D. craving
6. The Buddha preached that the Five Constituents are conditions to unsatisfactory states. This refers to _____.
A. Panca bala
B. Panca viriya
C. Panca nivarana
D. Panca khandha
7. If there is no self, who performs kamma?
A. Vinnana
B. Cetana
C. Sankhara
D. Sanna
8. The Buddha is also known as _____manussa.
A. Sabbannuta
B. Lokuttara
C. Achariya
D. Puthujana
9. Which disciple has the same physical feature as the Sammasambuddha?
A. Venerable Sariputta
B. Venerable Moggallana
C. Venerable Anuruddha
D. Venerable Maha Kassappa
10. Which of the following statement is false?
A. Sabbe sankhara anicca
B. Sabbe sankhara dukkha
C. Sabbe sankhara anatta
D. Sabbe dhamma dukkha
11. A Sotapana has eradicated the following except _____.
A. Self-delusion
B. Doubts about Triple Gem
C. Rites & rituals
D. Sense-pleasure & ill-will
12. Which disciple did not visit the Buddha even though he knew that the Teacher would attain Mahaparinibbana in three months?
A. Venerable Ananda
B. Venerable Maha Kassappa
C. Venerable Dhammarama
D. Venerable Subadha

13. Who served the last meal to the Buddha before his parinibbana?
 A. Ananda
 B. Bahiya
 C. Cunda
 D. Devadatta
14. The Buddha had predicted that Venerable Devadatta will become a Pacceka Buddha in the future by the name of _____.
 A. Vipassi
 B. Atthisara
 C. Sikhi
 D. Kongamana
15. “If anyone does not support parents, he is the cause of his own downfall”. The Buddha preached this in which Sutta?
 A. Kalama Sutta
 B. Vasala Sutta
 C. Ratana Sutta
 D. Parabhava Sutta
16. Who is the father of Ajatasattu?
 A. King Suddhodana
 B. King Bimbisara
 C. King Pasenadi
 D. Devadatta
17. For how many years did the Bhikkhuni Sangha last?
 A. 200 years
 B. 300 years
 C. 400 years
 D. 500 years
18. The two merchants Tapassu and Bhallika who offered honey and flour to the Buddha after His Enlightenment came from _____.
 A. Lumbini
 B. Bodhgaya
 C. Ukkala
 D. Kusinara
19. The Buddha always referred to Himself as _____.
 A. Bhagava
 B. Buddha
 C. Tathagata
 D. Bhante
20. “Permanent happiness, neither cause nor effect, eternal and deathless, refers to _____.”
 A. Devaloka
 B. Rupaloka
 C. Arupaloka
 D. Nibbana

SECTION 2

(PART A)

1. Describe how the Buddha met the 3 Kassappa brothers and preached the “Adittapariyaya Sutta” (All in flames). Explain why the Kassappa brothers were converted by this Sutta.
2. What are the nine virtues of the Buddha? Clarify each virtue with incidents from the Suttas.
3. Describe the incidents of Mara challenging the Buddha shortly after his enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree until his final day at Kusinara before his Mahaparinibbana.

(PART B)

4. Explain how the Five Laws of Nature (Pancaniyama) govern sentient beings besides the Law of Kamma.
5. What is the Law of Dependent Origination? Explain clearly how it leads beings from birth to death.
6. What are the three characteristics (Tilakkhana)? Explain clearly how by practicing the Dhamma it will make us understand the three characteristics of life.

(PART C)

7. Trace the events that lead to the establishment of the Bhikkhuni Sangha. What significance does the Order of Nuns had on the status of women in India at that time?
8. Explain clearly Venerable Ananda’s duties and contributions as the attendant monk until the Buddha’s Parinibbana.
9. What are the qualities and virtues of Venerable Maha Kassapa? Illustrate an incident that qualifies him to lead the First Buddhist Council.

(PART D)

10. What are the conditions for breaking the fourth precept (Musavada)? Explain why it is difficult to uphold this precept purely without breaking it?
11. What are the 11 benefits of practicing metta? Explain how to cultivate metta in daily life.
12. What are the teachings of the Buddha on filial piety? Explain fully from the extracts of Suttas and give illustrations from the Jatakas.

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