

MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

51st MALAYSIAN BUDDHIST EXAMINATION

(Junior Stage)

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHAMMA, THE SANGHA

Time: 1 ½ hours

1. The paper consists of two sections:
Section I: 55 Multiple Choice Questions
Section II: 20 Fill in the Blank Questions
2. Candidates are required to answer ALL the questions in Section I and Section II.
3. Give only **1** answer to each question.
4. 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. *“Be alert! Be not heedless! Lead a righteous life. The righteous live happily both in this world and the next!”*
This was the advice of the Buddha to _____.

A. King Suddhodana
B. Anathapindika
C. Prince Nanda
D. Angulimala
2. The Buddha’s first 2 converts, Tapassu and Bhallika were from _____.

A. Ukkala
B. Kapilavatthu
C. Rajagaha
D. Benares
3. ‘Lokavidu’ is one of the virtues of the Buddha. ‘Lokavidu’ means _____.

A. Exalted
B. Omniscient
C. Auspicious
D. Knower of the worlds
4. Who was the Buddha’s last convert?

A. Upali B. Subhadda
C. Cunda D. Sunita
5. Why did the Buddha say “No teacher have I!”

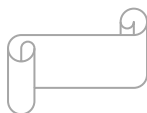
A. No one wanted to teach him.
B. The teachers were frightened of Him.
C. He did not like the teachers D.
He was Enlightened by Himself.
5. *“Today may I receive as much instructions from my teachers as there are here grains of sand.”* This phrase describes _____.

A. Venerable Moggallana
B. Venerable Uruvela Kassapa
C. Venerable Rahula
D. Venerable Sariputta
6. What is the meaning of “Tanha”?

A. Fear B. Remorse
C. Hatred D. Craving
7. What is ‘Majjhima Patipada’?

A. The Right Path B.
The Good Path
C. The Middle Path
D. The Short Path
8. The six vertical bands of the Buddhist flag represent the six colours of the aura which Buddhists believe emanated from the body of the Buddha when He attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree. Pick the correct pair.

A. Red represents wisdom.
B. Orange represents purity.
C. White represents blessing.
D. Blue represents compassion.
9. Where did the Buddha preach the last sermon? A. At Sarnath
B. At Kusinara
C. At Buddha Gaya
D. At Vulture’s Peak



10. The Buddha preached His first sermon to _____.
- Yasa and his friends
 - Sariputta and Moggallana
 - Tapassu and Bhallika
 - The five monks
11. Which virtue do we cultivate when we offer Dana?
- Self-obsessed
 - Generosity
 - Truthfulness
 - Grasping
12. August 2024 will be year _____ in Buddhist Era.
- 2565
 - 2566
 - 2567
 - 2568
13. Which precept is related to Right Speech?
- First Precept
 - Second Precept
 - Third Precept
 - Fourth Precept
14. Who was the first lady to join the Order of the Nuns?
- Princess Yasodhara
 - Khema
 - Maha Pajapati Gotami
 - Uppalavanna
15. Which disciple of the Buddha was famous for his Dhutanga practices?
- Venerable Ananda
 - Venerable Mahakassapa
 - Venerable Kondanna
 - Venerable Sariputta
16. "Peaceful is the mother, peaceful is the father, peaceful is the wife who has such a husband as he." Who uttered the above words when Prince Rahula was born?
- Sujata
 - Maha Pajapati Gotami
 - Sundari Nanda
 - Kisa Gotami
17. After hearing the _____ King Suddhodana attained Anagami.
- Maha Nanda Kassapa Jataka
 - Dhamapala Jataka
 - Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta
 - Mangala Sutta
18. A great Sage named Asita visited the infant Prince Siddhatta, he is also known as _____.
- Assaji
 - Alara Kalama
 - Kala Devala
 - Kondanna
19. 'Kamesu Micchacara Veramani Sikkhapadam Samadiyami' means to abstain from _____.
- stealing
 - lying
 - sexual misconduct
 - intoxication
20. How many Brahmins raised two fingers and said that the Prince Siddhatta would either become a Universal Monarch or a Buddha?
- One
 - Three
 - Five
 - Seven
21. Princess Yasodhara had a brother named _____.
- Devadatta
 - Nanda
 - Abhaya
 - Ajatasattu

22. How many kinds of evil deeds are there?
 A. 8 B. 9
 C. 10 D. 12
23. These three stanzas were taught by the Buddha to a youth named Chatta, foreseeing his unfavourable destiny and advising him to take refuge in the Triple Gem for the happiness of his future birth.
 A. Abhaya Gatha
 B. Chattavimana Gatha
 C. Jayamangala Gatha
 D. Ti-lakkhana Gatha
24. Venerable Kondanna attained Arahantship by hearing Dhammacakkapavattana and _____.
 A. Metta Sutta
 B. Anattalakkhana Sutta
 C. Mangala Sutta
 D. Ratana Sutta
25. Which is the lowest heaven?
 A. Catummaharajika Heaven
 B. Tavatimsa Heaven
 C. Yama Heaven
 D. Tusita Heaven
26. In the Noble Eightfold Path, which of the following is not grouped in Sila?
 A. Right Livelihood
 B. Right Action
 C. Right Speech
 D. Right Effort
27. In Akusala Kammās, which of the following is not caused by evil thoughts?
 A. Greediness B. Thoughtfulness
 C. Anger D. Wrong views
28. The first discourse of the Buddha was expounded at Deer Park at _____.
 A. Lumbini B. Rajagaha
 C. Isipatana D. Bodhi Gaya
29. The seventh of the Eight Precepts is to abstain from _____.
 A. incelibacy
 B. taking food at unseasonable time
 C. using high and luxurious seats/bed
 D. dancing, singing, music, use of garlands, perfume and cosmetics
30. Which of the following Pali word means 'to give up the worldly pleasures'?
 A. Nekkhamma B. Viriya
 C. Sacca D. Adhitthana
31. How long was Prince Siddhatta married to Princess Yasodhara before he renounced the world?
 A. 6 years B. 7 years
 C. 13 years D. 16 years
32. What knowledge did the Bodhisatta gain in his Middle Watch?
 A. Remember his past lives.
 B. Ability to see the death and rebirth of beings.
 C. Destroyed all passions.
 D. Ability to see who needed help.
33. Which of the following is not the evil effects of stealing?
 A. Subject to criticism
 B. Unfortunate state
 C. Unfulfilled desires
 D. Dependent livelihood

34. The 2nd Noble Truth is

_____.

- A. Suffering
- B. Cause of suffering
- C. Cessation of suffering
- D. Path leading to the cessation of suffering

35. '*Idam me natinam hotu
Sukhita hontu natayo*'

The above chanting relates to

_____.

- A. Transference of merits to all celestial beings
- B. Requesting all Devas, Bhuta and all beings to partake of merits
- C. Transference of merits to departed relatives
- D. Aspiration or wish

36. We will not be affected by the eight worldly conditions of gain and loss, fame and ill-fame, praise and blame, happiness and sorrow if we have developed _____.

- A. morality
- B. patience
- C. loving-kindness
- D. equanimity

37. Pick the incorrect pair.

- A. Viriya - Perseverance
- B. Nekkhamma - Renunciation
- C. Adhitthana - Patience
- D. Sila - Morality

38. What is the symbolic meaning of offering of lights or candles in the temples?

- A. To dispel the darkness (of ignorance).
- B. To remind us of impermanence.
- C. To beautify the temple.
- D. Because it is a tradition.

39. According to the Buddha: By _____ is not one an outcast or a Brahman.

- A. virtue
- B. deeds
- C. birth
- D. chance

40. Arrange the sequence of the Four Sights experienced by Prince Siddhatta accordingly.

I. Sick man II.

Old man

III. Hermit

IV. Dead man

- A. I, II, III, IV
- B. I, IV, II, III
- C. II, I, IV, III
- D. III, I, II, IV

41. What are the extremes Buddha wanted us to avoid?

- I. Self-mortification
- II. Middle Path
- III. Self-indulgence
- IV. Self-doubt

- A. I & II
- B. I & III
- C. II & IV
- D. II & III

42. Rearrange the Mangala Sutta according to the right sequence.

- I. To respect the respectable is most blissful.
- II. Not to associate with the fools is the most blissful.
- III. To reside at a favourable place is bliss.
- IV. To associate with the wise is most blissful.

- A. I, II, III, IV B. II, I, III, IV
C. IV, II, III, I D. II, IV, I, III
43. The cause of suffering is due to:
I. Craving
II. Attachment to all sensual pleasures
III. Attachment to pleasures connected with the view of Eternalism.
IV. Timely giving up of our property and assets.
A. I, II & III B. II only
C. I, II & IV D. All the above
44. Right Speech deals with refraining from:
I. slandering II. lying
III. unchastity
IV. harsh speech
A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, II & IV D. All the above
45. Pick the conditions that are necessary to complete the evil of killing.
I. Conscious that it is a being. II. Intention of killing.
III. Effort.
IV. Consequent death.
A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, II & IV D. All the above
46. Which of the following are part of the “Dhamma Vandana”?
I. Ujupati Panno
II. Svakkhato
III. Akaliko
IV. Opanayiko
A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, II & IV D. I, III & IV
47. Which of the following are Dasa Kusala Kamma?
I. Pattidana
II. Dhammasavana
III. Metta
IV. Mudita
A. I & II B. II & III
C. III & IV D. I & III
48. Choose the correct statements about Venerable Moggallana?
I. He was also known as Upatissa.
II. He was the chief amongst those who possessed psychic powers.
III. He was the Second Chief Disciple to the Buddha.
IV. He had made firm aspiration before the Buddha Anomadassi to be chief disciple.
A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, II & IV D. All the above
49. Which of the following are part of the five kinds of Weighty Kamma?
I. Killing of one’s mother.
II. Wounding a thief.
III. Killing of one’s father.
IV. Creation of a schism in the Sangha.
A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above
50. Which of the following are duties of a filial child to their parents?
I. Supporting them physically and mentally.
II. Attending to the needs of their parents.
III. Providing shelter for their parents.
IV. Lending your ear.
A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

51. What did the Buddha do after his lunch?
- Sleep
 - Conduct ordination
 - Meditate
 - Surveys the world with His Divine Eye.
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

52. Which of the Noble Eightfold Path are grouped under Panna?
- Right Livelihood
 - Right Understanding
 - Right Thoughts
 - Right Concentration
- A. I & II B. II, III
C. I & IV D. III & IV

53. Mention those who are of the same age as Prince Siddhattha.

- Princess Yasodhara
 - Kaludayi
 - Channa
 - Kanthaka
- A. I, II & III B. II, III & IV
C. I, III & IV D. All the above

54. Why do we seek refuge in the Buddha?
- The Buddha taught us the way to end all suffering.
 - We need protection from the Buddha.
 - The Buddha is the Knower of the world.
 - The Buddha is a Teacher of Gods and men.
- 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. Acchariya Manussa	B. Dana	C. Upali
D. Buddhahood	E. Kusala	F. Mahakassapa
G. Tathagata	H. Ananda	I. Parabhava Sutta
J. Sotapanna	K. bhavana	L. avoidance
M. performance	N. gratitude	O. Vassa
P. Karaniya Metta	Q. akusala	R. enlightened
S. Tisarana	T. Uposatha	U. Mangala
V. Sakadagami Y. Devadatta	W. Anggulimala	X. Moggallana

56. The first lesson Buddha taught to mankind is _____.

57. A Buddha is an _____ being, a Bodhisatta is on the way to become enlightened.

58. By saluting the Bodhi Tree, we pay respect to _____.

59. Papa or _____ is the Pali word for evil.
60. Mental culture or _____ in Pali, is the moral volition arising with consciousness when a man is practising any of the forty exercises prescribed for the attainment of mental tranquility or calm.
61. _____ days are times of renewed dedication to Dhamma practice, observed by lay followers and monastics throughout the world of Theravada Buddhism.
62. Vessantara Jataka is related to _____ Paramita.
63. _____ requested the Buddha to enforce that monks should not eat fish or flesh throughout their life, but the Buddha declared that those who wished were free to observe them but He would not make it compulsory.
64. *'The Buddha was a human being. As a man He was born, as a man He lived, and as a man His life came to an end. Though human, He became an extraordinary man.'* State the Pali term for an extraordinary man _____.
65. _____ is the Pali word for Three Refuges.
66. Venerable _____ was chosen to rehearse the Dhamma during the First Council.
67. This discourse of Sutta Nipata was uttered by the Buddha in order to disclose the various causes of one's degeneration _____.
68. One who has entered the Stream that leads to Nibbana has attained the first stage of Sainthood and is known as a _____.
69. A _____ will be reborn in this world only once.
70. The Buddha often referred to himself as the _____.
71. Varitta Sila is morality related to _____.
72. _____ or Punna is the Pali word for good.
73. During the _____ or rains retreat, monks are expected to dwell permanently in their temples and suspend all travelling.
74. *"Just as a mother would protect her only child at the risk of her own life, even so towards all beings let him cultivate boundless love."* This verse is extracted from _____ Sutta.

75. There are 38 blessings in the _____ Sutta.
