

Thinkers, Beliefs and Buildings

Question 1.

Where did Buddha attain enlightenment?

- (a) Lumbini
- (b) Sarnath
- (c) Gwalior
- (d) Bodh Gaya

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Bodh Gaya

Question 2.

What was the name of the gana to which Buddha belonged to?

- (a) Licchavi
- (b) Sakya
- (c) Koliyas
- (d) Kamboj

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Sakya

Question 3.

What is the meaning of 'Three baskets'?

- (a) Tirthankara
- (b) Triratna
- (c) Tipitaka
- (d) Trishula

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Tipitaka

Question 4.

The Sangha was an association of whom?

- (a) Bhikkus
- (b) merchants
- (c) traders
- (d) dancers

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Answer: (a) Bhikkus

Question 5.

According to which Buddhist text Asoka distributed portions of the Buddha's relics to every important town and ordered the construction of stupas over them?

- (a) Ashokavadana
- (b) Mahaparinibbana Sutta
- (c) Sutta Pitaka
- (d) Vessantara Jataka

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Ashokavadana

Question 6.

What does the symbol of 'empty seat' symbolise?

- (a) First Sermon of the Buddha
- (b) An event in the life of Buddha
- (c) Wisdom of the Buddha
- (d) Meditation of the Buddha

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Meditation of the Buddha

Question 7.

Which of the following is the most important idea in Jainism?

- (a) Observing celibacy
- (b) Entire world is animated
- (c) Belief in non-violence
- (d) Asceticism and penance are required to free oneself from the cycle of Karma.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Entire world is animated

Question 8.

Who provided money for the preservation of the Sanchi Stupa?

- (a) John Marshall
- (b) Begums of Bhopal
- (c) Alexander Cunningham
- (d) None of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Begums of Bhopal

Question 9.

What was the balcony-like structure in a stupa called?

- (a) Anda
- (b) Harmika
- (c) Yashti
- (d) Chhatri

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Harmika

Question 10.

Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the lively discussions and debates in the Buddhist texts?

- (a) Debates took place in the kutagarashala.
- (b) Many of the teachers questioned the authority of the Vedas.
- (c) In these debates the kings tried to convince one another as well as laypersons about the validity of their philosophy or the way they understood the world.
- (d) If a philosopher succeeded in convincing one of his rivals, the followers of the latter also became his disciples.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) In these debates the kings tried to convince one another as well as laypersons about the validity of their philosophy or the way they understood the world.

Question 11.

Where is Sanchi Stupa situated?

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Answer: Sanchi Stupa is situated in a village named Sanchi Kanakhera in Bhopal.

Question 12.

_____ is the biography of a saint or religious leader.

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Answer: Hagiography

Question 13.

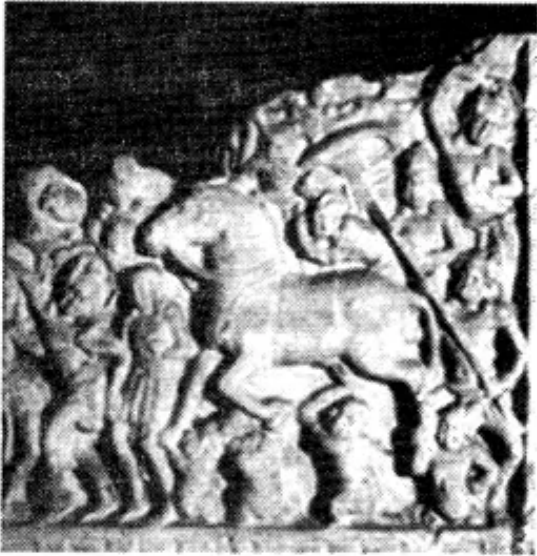
_____ was preceded by 23 other teachers or Tirthankaras.

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Answer: Mahavira

Question 14.

Look at the given picture. What is depicted in the sculpture?



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Answer: It is a sculpture belonging to c. 200 CE from Amravati. It depicts the departure of the Buddha from his palace.

Question 15.

Look at the given picture. Identify and name the school of art to which this sculpture belongs to.



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Answer: This sculpture is of a Bodhisatta from Gandhara School of Art.

Question 16.

What is a sangha?

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Answer: Sangha is an organisation of the monks who too became teachers of Dhamma.

Question 17.

Consider the following statements regarding Sangha.

- (i) Mahapajapati Gotami persuaded Buddha to allow women into the sangha.
- (ii) Many women who entered the sangha became teachers of Dhamma and went on to become theris.
- (iii) Once within the sangha, all were regarded as equal.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and III
- (d) II only

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) II and III

Question 18.

Match the following.

| | |
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| (i) Lumbini | (a) Buddha attained Nibbana |
| (ii) Kusinagara | (b) Buddha delivered his first sermon |
| (iii) Sarnath | (c) Buddha was born |
| (iv) Bodh Gaya | (d) Buddha attained enlightenment |

Choose the correct option

- (a) i – b, ii – c, iii – a, iv – d
- (b) i – c, ii – a, iii – b, iv – d
- (c) i – c, ii – b, iii – a, iv – d
- (d) i – d, ii – a, iii – b, iv – c

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) i – c, ii – a, iii – b, iv – d

Question 19.

Consider the following statements regarding the structure of the stupa.

- (i) Harmika is a balcony-like structure that represented the abode of gods.
- (ii) A mast called the anda arose from the harmika.
- (iii) A yashti was often surmounted by a chhatra or umbrella.
- (iv) Yashti arose from the harmika.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) I, II and III

- (b) II, III and IV
- (c) I and IV
- (d) I, III and IV

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) I, III and IV

Question 20.

Given below are two statements, one labelled as Assertion (A) and the other labelled as Reason (R):

Assertion (A): The mid-first millennium BCE saw the emergence of new religions in India.

Reason (R): People began speculating on the significance of the sacrificial tradition and authority of the Vedas.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is correct but (R) is not correct.
- (d) (R) is correct but (A) is not correct.

▼ Answer

Answer: Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Question 21.

Read the information given below:

Identify and name the Buddhist text.

This unique Buddhist text, part of the Sutta Pitaka, is a collection of verses composed by bhikkhunis. It provides an insight into women's social and spiritual experiences.

▼ Answer

Answer: The Therigatha

Question 22.

Match the following.

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| (i) Metta | (a) soulless |
| (ii) Karuna | (b) fellow feeling |
| (iii) Anatta | (c) sorrow |
| (iv) Dukkha | (d) compassion |

Choose the correct option

- (a) i – b, ii – d, iii – a, iv – c

- (b) i – c, ii – a, iii – b, iv – d
- (c) i – c, ii – b, iii – a, iv – d
- (d) i – d, ii – a, iii – b, iv – c

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) i – b, ii – d, iii – a, iv – c