

萬佛聖城三十週年藝文活動

佛學常識問答比賽——英文組題目

1. There is a famous story about Venerable Kumarajiva lifting a large incense burner while he was a young boy. How old was he when that happened?
- a) five years old b) six years old c) seven years old d) eight years old

Ans: 【c) seven years old】

2. Of all of Shakyamuni Buddha's disciples, who was named "Rejoicing" and was the Buddha's favorite cousin?
- a) Ven. Vakkula b) Ven. Mahakasyapa c) Ven. Ananda d) Ven. Revata

Ans: 【c) Ven. Ananda】

3. During the reign of Emperor Tang Taizong 唐太宗, who traveled to India to bring back to China a lot of Buddhist texts in Sanskrit?

a) Master Xuanzang 玄奘 b) Master Kuiji 窺基 c) Master Faxian 法顯 d) Master Yijing 義淨

Ans: 【a) Master Xuanzang 玄奘】

4. Who is the next Buddha to come after Shakyamuni Buddha?

Ans: 【Maitreya Buddha】

5. In the old times, what was the source (or original) language of most of the ancient Buddhist texts that were translated into Chinese?

a) Thai b) Pali c) Sanskrit d) Tibetan

Ans: 【c) Sanskrit】

6. A kashya is

a) a person's name b) the name of a clan c) a Buddhist monastic sash d) the name of a place

Ans: 【c) a Buddhist monastic sash】

7. Of all the flowers, which one was adopted into Buddhism as a symbol of purity and enlightenment ?

Ans: 【Lotus】

8. Amitabha's name has two basic meanings. What are the two?

Ans: 【Limitless Life and Limitless Light】

9. It was said that if one ate the fruit of a certain kind of tree, one would become an immortal. What is the name of this tree?

a) The Udumbara b) The Pundarika c) The Jambu d) The Bodhi

Ans: 【c) The Jambu】

10. In the history of Indian Buddhism, which person was reborn as a king of India due to his making an offering of a handful of dirt to the Buddha in his past lives?

a) King Pure Rice 淨飯王 b) King Asoka 阿育王 c) King Pasenadi 波斯匿王
d) King Bimbisara 頻婆娑羅王

Ans: 【b) King Asoka 阿育王】

11. Of all of the Buddha's disciples, who was foremost in wisdom?

a) Ven. Shariputra b) Ven. Mahakasyapa c) Ven. Mahakatyayana
d) Ven. Gavampati

Ans: 【a) Ven. Shariputra】

12. Which of the following is NOT a meaning of the term "Arhat?"

a) killer of thieves b) mendicant c) worthy of offerings d) without birth

Ans: 【b) mendicant】

13. Which Master practiced meditation on the edge of a mountain cliff on Mount Tian Mu 天目山 (Heavenly Eye) and almost died from falling asleep and falling off the mountain?

a) Master Ouyi 藕益 b) Master Gao 高 (峰妙) c) Master Hangshan 憨山
d) Master Lianchi 蓮池

Ans: 【b) Master Gao 高 (峰妙)】

14. Who was the first woman that the Buddha ordained as a nun?
 a) Lady Maya b) Lady Prajipati c) Lady Yasodhara d) Lady Sudara
 Ans: 【b) Lady Prajipati】
15. What is the name of the city where Ven. Kumarajiva conducted his translation activities?
 a) Beijing 北京 b) Nanjing 南京 c) Changan 長安 d) Luoyang 洛陽
 Ans: 【c) Changan 長安】
16. Which of the following is NOT one of the five conditions that will never come to harm or injure Ven. Vakkula?
 a) Fire could not burn him. b) Boiling oil could not fry him. c) Sea or water could not drown him. d) Other people could not cheat or bully him.
 Ans: 【d) Other people could not cheat or bully him.】
17. Which of the following heaven is named after a group of women who repaired a temple and re-gilded Buddha images?
 a) Heaven of Light-Sound b) Heaven of Four Heavenly Kings c) Heaven of Suyama
 d) Heaven of Thirty-three
 Ans: 【d) Heaven of Thirty-three】
18. A quote from the Buddha: “Beauty does not last. Those who are attached to beauty are like a spider entangled in its own web—the spider has no way out.” This quote came from which of the following stories and concerned which of the following people?
 a) The *First Nun*; Girl Kisa b) The *Beautiful Queen*; Queen Prajapati
 c) The *First Nun*; Queen Prajapati d) The *Beautiful Queen*; Queen Khema
 Ans: 【d) The *Beautiful Queen*; Queen Khema】
19. Which monk earned the nickname Three-Cart Patriarch?
 a) Master Daoxuan 道宣
 b) Master Xuanzang 玄奘
 c) Master Daoxuan 道安
 d) Master Kuiji 窺基
 Ans: 【d) Master Kuiji 窺基】

20. What did the “three carts” represent?

Ans: 【Carts filled with wine, meat, and beautiful women.】

21. What did Ven. Kumarajiva awaken to after he was overwhelmed by the weight of a heavy incense burner and dropped it?

- a) I am a young hero and can overcome weight.
- b) Life is suffering, which is as oppressive as this heavy burner.
- c) Everything is made from the mind alone.
- d) I need to go thank my mother for bringing me over to have this fun time here.

Ans: 【c) Everything is made from the mind alone.】

22. What are the Five Precepts?

Ans: 【No killing; No stealing, No sexual misconduct; No taking intoxicants; No lying】

23. If human beings trace back their ancestry to its earliest origins, then from which of the following heavens are they from?

- a) the Heaven of 33
- b) the Suyama Heaven
- c) the Tushita Heaven
- d) the Light-Sound Heaven

Ans: 【d) the Light-Sound Heaven】

24. The Buddha and his large group of Sanghan disciples needed a place to stay inside Sravasti. Eventually a person helped them locate and buy a place called Jeta Grove. Who was this main benefactor?

- a) Elder Sudatta 須達多長者
- b) Ven. Subhuti 須菩提尊者
- c) Prince Jeta 祇陀太子
- d) King Asoka 阿育王

Ans: 【a) Elder Sudatta 須達多長者】