

UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD

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Course: Ph.D

Duration of examination: 2 hrs

Subject: Buddhist Studies

Full marks: 75

The candidates have to attempt **all** questions from **Part-A**; and **any five** questions from **Part-B**. Each question from Part-A carries *1 mark*; and there shall be **negative marking** of .33 for each wrong answer. Each question from Part-B carries *10 marks*.

Part-A

Q1. Where did the Buddha make his last utterance (*antimā vācā*)

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| a) Kushinagar | b) Pava |
| c) Sarnath | d) Vaishali |

Q2. The Law Book of the Buddhists (Vinaya Piṭaka) is compiled by a person, who in the Brahmanical varna scale was a

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| a) Vaishya | b) Shudra |
| c) Kshatriya | d) Brahmin |

Q3. How many Piṭaka-s were compiled during the first Buddhist Council ?

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| a) one | b) two |
| c) three | d) four |

Q4. What is the language of the Buddhist canons compiled by the Sarvāstivādins

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| a) Pali | b) Prakrit |
| c) Sanskrit | d) Apabhraṃsha |

Q5. Who had offered food to the Buddha that made him sick and eventually caused his demise (Parinibbāna)

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| a) Chuṇḍa the pork butcher | b) Chuṇḍa the iron-smith |
| c) Ambapali | d) subhadda |

Q6. Which of the following is chronologically the earliest compilation

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| a) Dhamma Piṭaka | b) Abhidhamma Piṭaka |
| c) Abhidharma Piṭaka | d) Jñāna Prasthāna Śāstra |

Q7. Which of the following is not a book of Ahidhamma Piṭaka

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| a) <i>Dhammasaṅgī</i> | b) <i>Paṭṭhāna</i> |
| c) <i>Dhātukathā</i> | d) <i>Abhidhammattha-saṅgaha</i> |

Q8. Which of the following is not a part of the Vinaya Piṭaka

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| a) <i>Nāmarūpa-Pariccheda</i> | b) <i>Khandhaka</i> |
| c) <i>Parivāra</i> | d) <i>Sutta-Vibhaṅga</i> |

- Q9. Which of the following is not a part of the Sutta Piṭaka
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| a) <i>Therīgāthā</i> | b) <i>Dīgha Nikāya</i> |
| c) <i>Mahāvastu</i> | d) <i>Aṅguttara Nikāya</i> |
- Q10. Which of the following is *not true* as an outcome of the third Buddhist Council
- a) Piṭakas were finalized into the currently available format
 b) Buddhist missionaries were sent to several parts of the world
 c) The proceedings of the council are well-recorded in *Dīpavaṃsa* and *Mahāvāṃsa*
 d) The Mahāsāṅghika School of Buddhism was founded
- Q11. Which is *not true* about Pali
- a) This is the language of the original Buddhist canons
 b) Its traditional name is 'Bhāsā Māgadhī'
 c) Pali is a kind of the Prakrit language; yet it is different from the 'Magadhi Prakrit'; and Magahi
 d) Pali is derived from Sanskrit as its simplified version
- Q12. Which of the following Buddhist kings *first* encouraged the Buddhist writings in Sanskrit
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| a) Asoka (Ashoka) | b) Bimbisāra |
| c) Kaniṣka | d) Bindusāra |
- Q13. What is the language that Buddha recommended for preserving the Buddha-vacana
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| a) Pali | b) Sanskrit |
| c) one's own language | d) Prakrit |
- Q14. The largest rock-hewn statue of the Buddha is/was in
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| a) Bamiyan, Afghanistan | b) Leshan, China |
| c) Rangoon, Myanmar | d) Kandy, Sri Lanka |
- Q15. The inscribed Buddhist canons on stone tablets often called the "largest book of the world" is in
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| a) Anuradhapur, Sri Lanka | b) Heinsa, South Korea |
| c) Mandalay, Myanmar | d) Kandy, Sri Lanka |
- Q16. The largest Buddhist temple in the world is in
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| a) Borobudur, Indonesia | b) Royal Pagoda, Thailand |
| c) Sri Dalada Maligawa, Sri Lanka | d) Bupaya Pagoda, Myanmar |
- Q17. Who according to the Buddhist tradition was not a Buddha
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| a) Dīpaṅkara | b) Konāgamana (Kanakamuni) |
| c) Gotama (Gautama) | d) Vishwapani |

Q18. Who according to the Buddhists is Amitābha

- a) A Dhyāni (Meditative) Buddha b) A Bodhisatta
c) A Bodhisattva d) A Buddha in human form (*mānuṣī* Buddha)

Q19. The Buddhist Theory of Tilakkhaṇa does not imply that

- a) All worldly phenomena are transitory b) All worldly phenomena are grief-inflicting
c) All worldly phenomena are soul-less d) All worldly phenomena are the creations of God

Q20. When 'Bhagavā' or 'Bhagavān' is prefixed before Buddha does it mean that

- a) Buddha is God
b) Buddha is one of the gods, viz., Viṣṇu
c) 'Bhagavā' or 'Bhagavān' in the above context is just an honorific term
d) None of the above

Q21. Buddhism believes in rebirth because the Buddhists

- a) believe in the existence of a permanent soul (*ātmā* or *attā*)
b) believe in God
c) believe in the concept of *nāma-rūpa*
d) None of the above

Q22. How many clauses of India's foreign policy of 'Panchsheel' are common with the Buddhist concept of 'Panchsheel' ('Pañcasīla') as discussed in the original Buddhist canons

- a) one b) two
c) all five d) none

Q23. Who wrote the *Visuddhimagga*

- a) Buddhadatta b) Buddhaghosa
c) Ananda d) Upali

Q24. The famous Pali scholar Anuruddhacariya was born in

- a) Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu b) Bhattiprolu in Andhra Pradesh
c) Nalanda in Bihar d) Varanasi in U.P.

Q25. Which is not true about Buddhism

- a) man is a combination of mind and matter
b) every phenomenon is dependent on some other phenomenon for its origin
c) Nihilism or Uccchedavāda
d) Rejection of the law of conservation of matter

Part-B

- Q1. What is the doctrine of Dependent Origination? Discuss.
- Q2. "Man is the combination of mind and matter". Discuss this statement in light of Buddhism.
- Q3. Give a critical estimate of the works of Anuruddhacariya or Buddhaghosa.
- Q4. "Buddhism does not believe in the existence of *ātmā* or *soul*, yet it believes in rebirth". Explain.
- Q5. Show your acquaintance with the *Visuddhimagga*.
- Q6. Write a note on origin and homeland of the Pali language.
- Q7. Show your acquaintance with the *Mādhyamaka-Kārikā* by Nagarjuna.
- Q8. What is the importance of the Buddhist Councils that held in India ? Discuss.