

First Flight

Chapter 10

The Sermon at Benares

Multiple Choice Questions

Q1- What was Gautama Buddha's early name?

- A) Sidhha
- B) Sadhu
- C) Siddhartha
- D) Sidhanth

Q2- What moved him to seek out enlightenment?

- A) A sick man
- B) An aged man
- C) A monk begging
- D) All of the above

Q3- For how many years did he wander?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) 6

Q4- Where did he vow to stay until his enlightenment came?

- A) His palace
- B) Under a peepal tree
- C) Under a banyan tree
- D) Under a tree

Q5- What did he name the tree?

- A) Bodhi tree
- B) Buddha tree
- C) Gautama tree
- D) Siddhartha tree

Q6- Which seed did Buddha ask Kisa to bring?

- A) Pumpkin seeds
- B) Mustard seeds
- C) Sunflower seeds
- D) Sesame seeds

Q7- What was the condition imposed upon the source of the seeds?

- A) To be borrowed from a man
- B) To be borrowed from a woman
- C) To be borrowed from a child
- D) None of the above

Q8- How did Kisa feel at first on being unable to find such seeds?

- A) Weary
- B) Hopeless
- C) Motivated
- D) Both A and B

Q9- What did the flickering lights make her realise?

- A) She is being selfish
- B) Death is common to all
- C) Men are mortal
- D) All of the above

Q10- What did Buddha tell her about life?

- A) It is troubled
- B) It is brief
- C) Combined with pain
- D) All of the above

Q11- Both young and adults, fools and wise fall into the power of _____

- A) life
- B) death
- C) food
- D) all of the above

Q12- What is the meaning of lamentation?

- A) Expression of sorrow
- B) Expression of gratefulness
- C) Expression of joy
- D) Expression of laughter

Q13- What does Kisa search for from house to house in the first place?

- A) Mustard seeds
- B) A medicine to bring her son back to life
- C) Pumpkin seeds
- D) None of the above

Q14- "Of those who, overcome by death, _____".

- A) depart from life
- B) become immortal
- C) become free
- D) become dead

Q15- "The wise do not _____, knowing the terms of the world."

- A) laugh
- B) smile
- C) grieve
- D) All of the above

Q16- How old was Siddhartha when he renounced the princely life?

- A) 22
- B) 32
- C) 35
- D) 25

Q17- He got enlightenment after how many days?

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 7
- D) 1

Q18- In which city did Buddha deliver his first sermon?

- A) Patna
- B) Benaras
- C) Lumbini
- D) Gaya

Q19- What did Kisa ask for to bring her son back to life?

- A) Medicine
- C) Money
- C) Doctor
- D) Prayers

Q20- How many more children did Kisa have?

- A) 5
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) None

Q21- Who is free from sorrow?

- A) Who overcomes sorrow
- B) Who does not see sorrow
- C) Who remains happy
- D) Who gives sorrow to others

Q22- How can one save his loved ones from death?

- A) By grief
- B) By crying
- C) By both
- D) None of these

Q23- Those who do not grieve are _____.

- A) arrogant
- B) proud
- C) happy
- D) wise

Q24- What quantity of mustard seeds did Buddha ask for?

- A) A sackful
- B) A handful
- C) A pinch
- D) A cup

Q25- According to Buddha, what is an inscrutable kind of suffering?

- A) Loss of a loved one
- B) Beating
- C) Hatred
- D) Verbal abuse