

Sample questions for M.A/ M.Sc. Entrance

Subject: Philosophy

1. How many branches are there in Greek Philosophy?

- A- 1
- B- 2
- C- 3
- D- 4

Answer: D

2. "Man is the measure of all things"- who made this statement?

- A- Socrates
- B- Plato
- C- Sophists
- D- Aristotle

Answer: C

3. According to Socrates, knowledge is

- A. Virtue
- B. Perception
- C. Opinion
- D. Idea

Answer: A

4. According to Thales, what is the basic element of the universe

- A- Water
- B- Air
- C- Fire
- D- Number

Answer: A

5. Who is the founder of Number Theory?

- A- Parmenides
- B- Pythagoras
- C- Plato
- D- Aristotle

Answer: B

6. Who introduced the Law of change?

- A- Heraclitus
- B- Pythagoras
- C- Xenophanes
- D- Zeno

Answer: A

7. Democritus is famous for the theory of
- A- Atomism
 - B- Number
 - C- Change
 - D- Truth

Answer: A

8. Knowledge is perception- who made this statement?
- A- Protagoras
 - B- Pythagoras
 - C- Democritus
 - D- Plato

Answer: A

9. Who is the author of Apology?
- A- Socrates
 - B- Plato
 - C- Aristotle
 - D- Xenophon

Answer: B

10. The Dialectic Method was introduced by
- A- Protagoras
 - B- Socrates
 - C- Plato
 - D- Aristotle

Answer: B

11. According to Socrates knowledge is
- A- Virtue
 - B- Perception
 - C- Opinion
 - D- Idea

Answer: A

12. Knowledge and virtue is inseparable- who said this?

- A- The Sophists
- B- Democritus
- C- Socrates
- D- Aristotle

Answer: C

13. Who propounded the doctrine of Idea?

- A- Protagoras
- B- Socrates
- C- Plato
- D- Aristotle

Answer: C

14. According to Plato, Ideas are

- A- Substance
- B- Universal
- C- Thoughts
- D- All of them

Answer: B

15. Thought and Reality are identical- who made the statement?

- A- Socrates
- B- Plato
- C- Aristotle
- D- Thales

Answer: C

16. What does the term 'Vedas' stand for?

- A- Knowledge
- B- Liberation
- C- Devotion
- D- Action

Answer: A

17. How many Samhitas are there?

- A- Four
- B- Three

C- Two

D- One

Answer: A

18. How many Upanisads are there?

A- 12

B- 18

C- 20

D- 108

Answer: D

19. What is Maya or Avidya?

A- Liberation

B- Bondage

C- Ignorance

D- Suffering

Answer: C

20. Bhagavadgita literally means

A- The Lords Song

B- Teachings of Mahavbir

C- Teachings of Lord Buddha

D- None

Answer: A

21. How many chapters are there in the Gita

A- 18

B- 16

C- 12

D- None

Answer: A

22. The Gita is in

A- The Mahabharata

B- The Ramanayan

C- The Vedas

D- None

Answer: A

23. Mention the materialistic school of Indian Philosophy

- A- TheCarvaka
- B- The Jainism
- C- The Buddhism
- D- All

Answer: A

24. Who is the founder of the Carvaka system?

- A- Brihaspati
- B- Kapila
- C- Parshwanath
- D- Gautom

Answer: A

25. How many elements are supported by the Carvaka?

- A- 5
- B- 4
- C- 3
- D- 6

Answer: C

26. Which is considered as the summum bonum according to the Carvaka

- A- Sensual pleasure
- B- Liberation
- C- Devotion
- D- None

Answer: A

27. What does the term 'Jina' means

- A- Conqueror
- B- Moksha
- C- Nirvana
- D- All

Answer: A

28. The Jaina classified knowledge into

- A- 4
- B- 2

C- 3

D- 1

Answer: C

29. How many Pramanas are suggested by the Jainas

A- 4

B- 3

C- 2

D- 1

Answer: B

30. The Jaina metaphysics is

A- Realistic

B- Pluralistic

C- Both

D- None

Answer: C

31. How many judgements are there in Syadvada?

A- Seven

B- Six

C- Four

D- Three

Answer: A

32. What is the cause of sufferings according to Buddha?

A- Ignorance

B- Action

C- Attachment

D- None

Answer: A

33. How many causes are there according to the second Noble Truth?

A- 12

B- 24

C- 16

D- 32

Answer: A

34. How many Noble Truths are suggested in Buddhism

- A- 2
- B- 3
- C- 4
- D- 6

Answer: C

35. What does Nirvana mean?

- A- To blow out
- B- Liberation
- C- Devotion
- D- Action

Answer: A

36. How many schools are there in Buddhism?

- A- 2
- B- 4
- C- 6
- D- 8

Answer: A

37. Which school of Buddhism supported Sunyavada?

- A- Madhyamika
- B- Sautrantika
- C- Yogachara
- D- Baivasika

Answer: A

38. Who is the founder of Samkhya system?

- A- Kapila
- B- Gautam
- C- Patanjali
- D- Mahabira

Answer: A

39. How many realities are suggested in Samkhya?

- A- 2
- B- 3
- C- 4
- D- None

Answer: A

40. Samkhya believes in

- A- Satkaryavada
- B- Asatkaryavada
- C- Both
- D- None

Answer: A

41. How many Gunas are there in Prakriti according to the Samkhya?

- A- 3
- B- 4
- C- 5
- D- 6

Answer: A

42. How many elements are there according to the Samkhya evolution theory?

- A- 12
- B- 24
- C- 36
- D- 40

Answer: B

43. According to the Samkhya Purusa is the

- A- Soul
- B- Matter
- C- Gunas
- D- None

Answer: A

44. Samkhya philosophy is

- A- Monistic
- B- Dualistic
- C- Pluralistic
- D- All

Answer: B

45. How many categories are suggested by the Vaisesika ?

- A- Six
- B- Seven
- C- Eight
- D- Ten

Answer: A

46. How many Dravyas are there according to the Vaisesika?

- A- Seven
- B- Eight
- C- Nine
- D- Ten

Answer: C

47. How many Samanyas suggested by the Vaisesika?

- A- 2
- B- 4
- C- 6
- D- None

Answer: D

48. Who is the author of the Nyaya Sutra?

- A- Kapila
- B- Gautom
- C- Ramanuja
- D- Sankardeva

Answer: B

49. How many Pramanas are suggested by the Nyaya?

- A- 2
- B- 3
- C- 4
- D- 6

Answer: C

50. Who is the founder of the Mimamsa system?

- A- Gautom
- B- Sankaracharya
- C- Jaimini
- D- None

Answer: C

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