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Founder, MISSION GYAN**Chapter-8 | The Sermon at Benares****Worksheet-2****Multiple Choice Questions**

1. **According to Gautam Buddha, Who is blessed?**
(a) Who has knowledge (b) Who has luxury
(c) Who is free from sorrow (d) Who is wise
2. **Gautam Buddha renamed the tree as 'Bo Tree'. What is the meaning of 'Bo Tree'?**
(a) Power Tree (b) Peepal Tree
(c) Tree of wisdom (d) Fig Tree
3. **What suggestion did a man give to Kisa Gautami?**
(a) go to doctor (b) go to house
(c) go to Buddha (d) go to temple
4. **Gautam Buddha got enlightenment after-**
(a) 5 days (b) 9 days
(c) 7 days (d) 16 days
5. **What did Siddhartha Gautama study?**
(a) bow lore (b) holy books
(c) story books (d) swords manship
6. **What happened to Kisa Gautami in the end?**
(a) Happy (b) Upset
(c) None of the above (d) Tired and hopeless
7. **What did Kisa Gotami ask for from her neighbors?**
(a) Money for funeral expenses (b) Medicine to cure her dead son
(c) Food to feed her family (d) A place to bury her son
8. **What condition did the Buddha give Kisa Gotami to obtain the mustard seeds?**
(a) They must be golden in color.
(b) They must be from a royal household.
(c) They must be from a house where no one has ever died.
(d) They must be offered a prayer.
9. **Where did the Buddha preach his first sermon?**
(a) Bodh Gaya (b) Kapilavastu
(c) Benares (d) Kushinagar

10. **4. What is the central theme of the Buddha's sermon to Kisa Gotami?**
- (a) The importance of charity
 - (b) The power of miracles
 - (c) The inevitability of death
 - (d) The path to enlightenment

Fill in the blanks :

11. Gautam Buddha was born in _____ part of India.
12. Gautam Buddha left home in search of _____.

True / False

13. Gautama Buddha was born in 563 B.C.
14. Gautama Buddha's birth name was Siddhartha Gautama, and he was raised in a life of hardship and poverty.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Kisa Gotami again goes from house-to-house after she speaks with the Buddha. What does she ask for the second time around? Does she get? Why not?
16. What sights made Gautama Buddha a monk?

Short Type Questions

17. Who was Gautama Buddha? When and where was he born?
18. What does Kisa Gotami understand from watching the lights?

Essay Type Questions

19. When her son dies, Kisa Gotami goes from house to house. What does she ask for? Does she get it? Why not?
20. Why and how did Siddhartha Gautama become the Buddha?

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A) :** How do you usually understand the idea of selfishness? Do you agree with Kisa Gotami that she is 'selfish' on her grief?
- Reason (R) :** Is it natural for people to be selfish at times?
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - (c) A is true, but R is false.
 - (d) A is false, but R is true.



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Answer & Solution

1. (c)
He, who has overcome all sorrow and become free from sorrow, is actually blessed.
2. (c)
Gautam Buddha got enlightenment under this tree after seven days. So he renamed the tree as Bo tree which means Tree of Wisdom.
3. (c)
Man suggested her to go to Sakyamuni the Buddha.
4. (c)
Gautam Buddha got enlightenment after seven days. He vowed to stay until enlightenment came.
5. (b)
Siddhartha Gautama studied holy books.
6. (d)
She became tired and hopeless in the end.
7. (b) Medicine to cure her dead son .
8. (c) They must be from a house where no one has ever died.
9. (c) Benares
10. (c) The inevitability of death
11. Fill in the blank : northern
12. Fill in the blank : enlightenment
13. True and False : True
14. True and False : False
15. Kisa Gotami again goes from house-to-house after she speaks with the Buddha. The Buddha asks her to bring some mustard seeds from a house where no death has ever taken place. Kisa Gotami is unable to find such a house because death is the reality of life. It makes her realise that death is inevitable and that no one can deny nature's cycle.
16. At the age of twenty-five, on his way to hunting, Gautama Buddha saw an old, a sick man, a funeral procession and a monk asking for alms. This was his first encounter with the harsh realities of life. This incident moved him greatly and he became a monk and wandered in search of truth.
17. Gautama Buddha, initially named Siddhartha Gautama by his parents, was a Prince. He was born in 563 B.C. in North India. He had been shielded from the sufferings of the world. He attained enlightenment at the age of 32 under a fig tree and named the tree the Bo Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings.

18.

- Humans also flicker and die like lights
- Like lights, humans too are extinguished quickly.

19. Following the death of her son, Kisa Gotami goes to all her neighbours carrying his dead son and asking for medicine to bring her son back to life. No, she does not get it because there is no such medicine to bring a dead person back.

20. Gautama Buddha began life as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama. At twelve he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu Sacred Scriptures. Four years later he was married. At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings. At that point, he became known as the Buddha (the Awakened or the Enlightened).

21. 'Selfishness' means when a person does something only for his own benefit or thinks only about himself/herself. He/she does not consider other people's happiness. Kisa Gotami is selfish in wanting her dead son to be alive. It is a mother's love which has blinded her. However, she is wrong in wanting that as she cannot see the reality of life. Death is the reality of life. Every one dies as death is common to all. It is perfectly natural for anyone to be selfish at times. When this desire becomes harmful to others or the demands become unrealistic, it is immoral and wrong. A little bit of selfishness is there in general in everyone and it is human nature to be selfish to meet your goals and satisfy your desires. Selfishness can only lead to unhappiness as most of the times, we will not meet our goals. Then, human beings will feel devastated. Hence, human beings should be more selfless and open-minded.