

## CHAPTER-8 | The Sermon at the Benares

QUIZ  
PART-01

1. What was Buddha's early name before enlightenment?

- A. Ashoka Maurya
- B. Siddhartha Gautama
- C. Mahavira
- D. Chanakya

(B)

**Explanation:** He was born as the prince Siddhartha Gautama.

2. At what age was he sent away to study the sacred scriptures?

- A. 10
- B. 12
- C. 16
- D. 25

(B)

**Explanation:** He was sent for schooling at the age of twelve.

3. Which of the following was NOT among the four sights that moved him?

- A. A sick man
- B. An aged man
- C. A funeral procession
- D. A king's coronation

(D)

**Explanation:** He saw sickness, old age, a funeral, and a monk—not a coronation.

4. How long did he wander in search of enlightenment before sitting under the peepal tree?

- A. Three years
- B. Five years
- C. Seven years
- D. Twelve years

(C)

**Explanation:** He wandered for seven years seeking the truth.

5. After enlightenment, what name did he give to the tree he sat under?

- A. Buddha Tree
- B. Peepal of Peace
- C. Bodhi Tree
- D. Tree of Life

(C)

**Explanation:** He renamed it the Bodhi Tree, meaning the Tree of Wisdom

6. Where did he deliver his first sermon?

- A. Lumbini
- B. Kapilvastu
- C. Benares
- D. Rajgir

(C)

**Explanation:** His first sermon was preached at Benares on the Ganges.

7. What condition did he place on the mustard seed requested from Kisa Gotami?

- A. It must be blessed by a monk
- B. It must be from a house where no one has died
- C. It must be taken from the royal granary
- D. It must be black mustard only

(B)

**Explanation:** She was to bring mustard seed from a household untouched by death.

8. What common reply did households give that revealed the universality of death?

- A. "We have no mustard seed."
- B. "Alas! the living are few, but the dead are many."
- C. "Come back tomorrow."
- D. "We don't speak to strangers."

(B)

**Explanation:** People told her the living are few and the dead many, showing every home had faced loss.

9. What effect does weeping and grieving have on a mourner, as taught in the sermon?

- A. Restores the dead
- B. Brings peace of mind
- C. Increases pain and harms the body
- D. Pleases the gods

(C)

**Explanation:** Weeping does not bring peace; it makes the pain greater and the body suffer.

10. What must one 'draw out' to attain peace of mind?

- A. The arrow of lamentation, complaint, and grief
- B. The sword of justice
- C. The thorn of doubt
- D. The fire of anger

(A)

**Explanation:** Peace comes when the arrow of lamentation and grief is removed and the mind is composed.