

## CHAPTER-8 | The Sermon at Benares

QUIZ  
PART-01

1. What was Gautama Buddha's childhood name?

- A. Suddhodana
- B. Siddhartha Gautama
- C. Sakyamuni
- D. Ashoka (B)

*Explanation:* Before becoming the Buddha, he was known as Siddhartha Gautama.

2. At what age was Siddhartha sent away for schooling in the sacred scriptures?

- A. 10
- B. 12
- C. 16
- D. 20 (B)

*Explanation:* The chapter states that he was sent away for schooling at the age of twelve.

3. Which sights deeply affected the prince and made him seek enlightenment?

- A. A king, a soldier, and a priest
- B. A sick man, an aged man, a funeral procession, and a monk begging for alms
- C. A beggar and a farmer
- D. A monk and a child (B)

*Explanation:* These four sights revealed the reality of suffering, old age, death, and renunciation.

4. For how many years did Gautama wander in search of enlightenment?

- A. Five years
- B. Six years
- C. Seven years
- D. Eight years (C)

*Explanation:* The text clearly says that he wandered for seven years before attaining enlightenment.

5. Under which tree did Gautama Buddha attain enlightenment?

- A. Banyan tree
- B. Neem tree
- C. Peepal tree
- D. Mango tree (C)

*Explanation:* He meditated under a peepal tree, which later became known as the Bodhi Tree.

6. What did Kisa Gotami ask from her neighbours after her son died?

- A. Food
- B. Money
- C. Shelter
- D. Medicine (D)

*Explanation:* In her grief, she went to her neighbours asking for medicine for her dead child.

7. What did the Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring?

- A. A bowl of rice
- B. A handful of mustard seeds from a house where no one had died
- C. Water from the Ganges
- D. Flowers from a temple (B)

*Explanation:* This task was meant to help her understand that death is universal.

8. Why could Kisa Gotami not collect the required mustard seeds?

- A. Nobody had mustard seeds
- B. She forgot the Buddha's words
- C. Every house had faced the death of a loved one
- D. The people refused to help her (C)

*Explanation:* She discovered that there was no house untouched by death.

9. What realization did Kisa Gotami finally reach?

- A. Her sorrow was greater than everyone else's
- B. Death is common to all
- C. Buddha would bring her son back
- D. Only the rich suffer loss (B)

*Explanation:* She understood that death is a universal truth and no family is free from it.

10. According to the Buddha, what should a person do to obtain peace of mind?

- A. Keep weeping
- B. Forget all duties
- C. Draw out the arrow of lamentation, complaint, and grief
- D. Live alone in the forest (C)

*Explanation:* Buddha teaches that peace comes by overcoming sorrow, not by weeping or lamenting.