

A circular collage of various musical instruments, including drums, flutes, and stringed instruments, arranged in concentric circles. The text "PIN MY STATE" is written in large, yellow, stylized letters across the top. The background is a solid brown color.



RULES TO PIN MY STATE

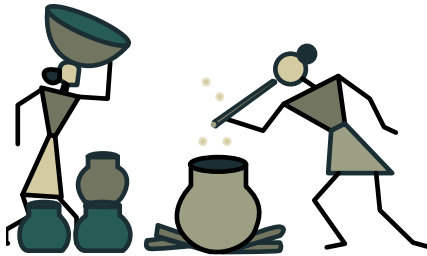
Pin My State is a trivia game in which players compete to get ingredients for their recipes by answering questions about states and territories where those ingredients come from.

The players can make teams if they would like. In the following rules we will talk as if each player was on their own.

We will also assume that there is a moderator who is not playing the game.

GAME PLAY

In a nutshell, the players take turns answering questions and putting pins in the map **when they are right**. When all the players have completed all their recipes, the game ends.



When it is their turn, a player gets to choose a state they would like to answer a question for. This should correspond to an ingredient that they need for their recipes. They can then choose from one of the eight question categories, unless that question has already been answered this game.

The moderator then reads out the question of that category, and the multiple-choice answers. If the player gets the correct answer, they get to put a pin in that state on the map. They then connect that pin to the others of their same color with string.

Once a player has finished their recipes, they can join another player's team to help out.

END

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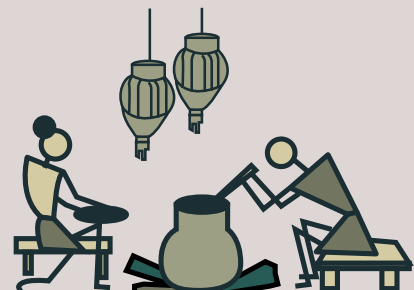


EQUIPMENT

1. Game board
2. Pins
3. Thread
4. Recipe cards
5. State cards
6. This Q&A book

SETUP

1. The game board, a big map of India made of cork, is put on the middle of the table.
2. The moderator picks a number of state cards, one for each ingredient shown on the board. They place one state card in the space next to each ingredient. The states can be picked randomly, or chosen specifically for the group, for example the states the people in the group are from, or states they have never gone to.
3. Each player picks a color and takes pins of that color. They put a pin in the map that corresponds to where they come from in India. If they are not from India, they can put a pin outside the map.
4. Each player draws 3 recipe cards for a delicious dish. Each card has a list of ingredients that they will need to gather in order to make the recipe and fulfill their objective. Each ingredient has to come from a particular state or territory, listed next to the ingredient on the board.



LEGEND

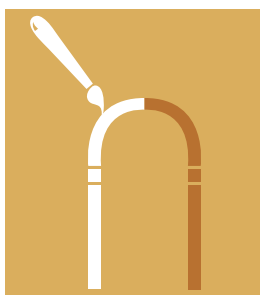
The questions come in 8 categories, each corresponding to an icon.



Movies & Music



**Politics
&
Activism**



**Architecture
&
Artwork**



Literature



**Clothes
&
Jewelry**



Food



**Nature
&
Geography**



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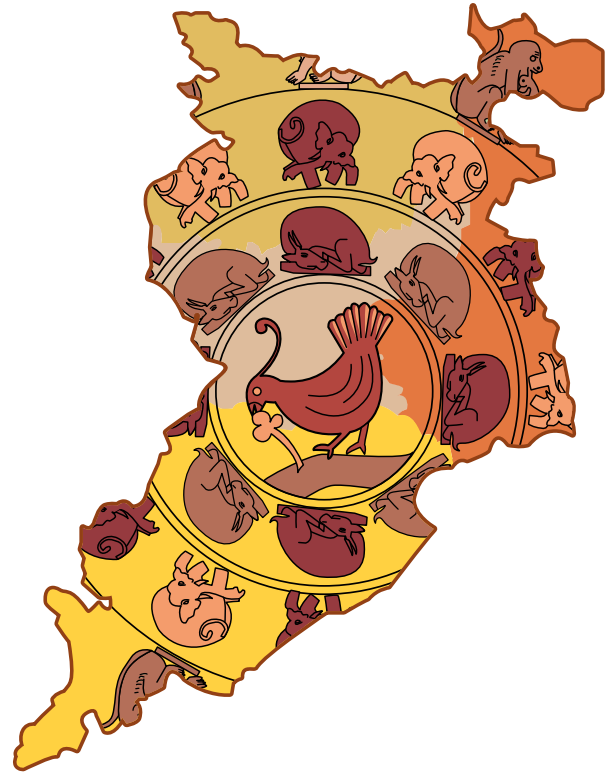
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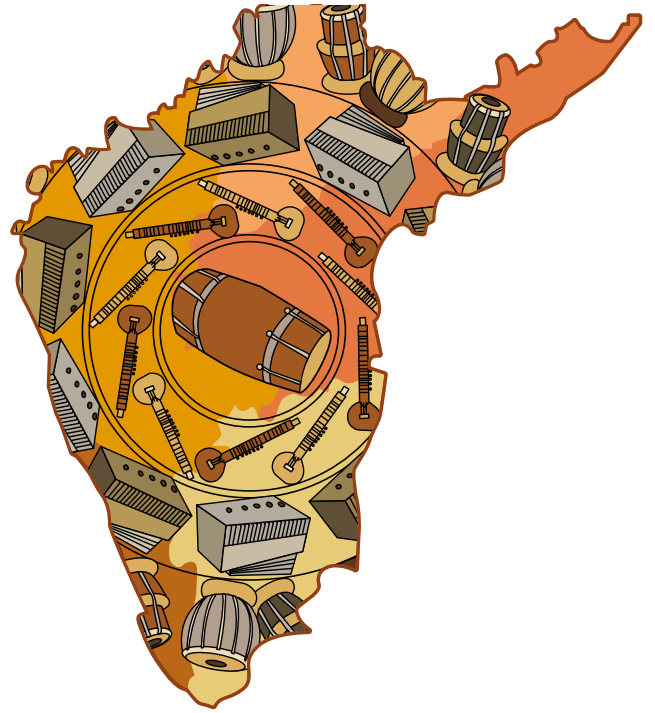
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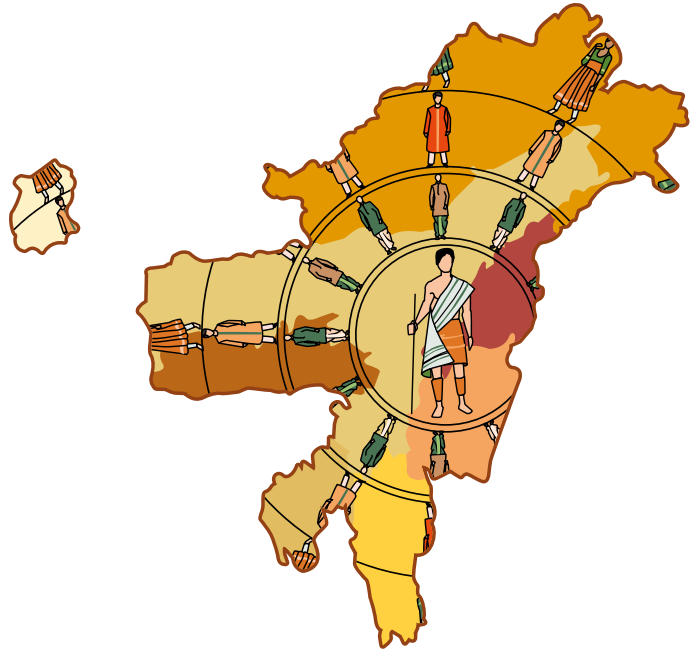
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HARYANA



The mega hit movie 'Dangal' was set in which town of Haryana?

- A. Balali
- B. Baliali
- C. Kheri Kalan
- D. Dandma

ANSWER

A



Which is the largest city in the state of Haryana?

- A. Rewari
- B. Faridabad
- C. Gurugram
- D. Manesar

ANSWER

B



Who was given the title of the first official state poet of Haryana after its formation in 1966? He was popular under the pen name of 'Hans'.

- A. Abhimanyu Anant
- B. Amrit Lal Madan
- C. Uday Bhanu
- D. Manikya Raj

ANSWER

C



Which member of the first Constituent Assembly set a record for being a member of seven different houses in India's democratic history?

- A. Manikya Raj
- B. Ranbir Singh Hooda
- C. Abhimanyu Anant
- D. Amrit Lal Madan

ANSWER

B



HARYANA



Run by the Great Indian Nautanki Company, this is India's first live entertainment, theatre and leisure destination:

- A. Oysters Beach Water Park
- B. NeverEnuf Garden Valley
- C. Leisure Valley
- D. Kingdom of Dreams

ANSWER

D



Kachri Ki Sabzi is very popular dish of Haryana which is prepared very easily. It s prepared with chopped Kachri, coriander powder and other spices. What is Kachri?

- A. A wild variety of cucumbers
- B. A type of potato
- C. Lentil
- D. A green Leafy vegetable

ANSWER

A



Jat community women wear a shirt, ghagra and orhani which fall below the foreleg. What is the complete outfit called?

- A. Nehari
- B. Langa
- C. Cheera
- D. Thel

ANSWER

D

Write your own questions in the space provided !



HIMACHAL PRADESH



Where are the headquarters for the Central Tibetan Administration located?

- A. Manali
- B. Dharmashala
- C. Dalhousie
- D. Shimla

ANSWER

B



What is the main ingredient in the delicious Himachal dish of Bhey?

- A. Ladies finger
- B. Chickpeas
- C. Lotus stems
- D. Freshwater trout

ANSWER

C



This famous romantic comedy about the love and loss between a plucky Punjabi girl and a Mumbai businessman on an amazing road trip is set partly in Himachal Pradesh:

- A. Bang Bang
- B. Jab we met
- C. Love Aaj kal
- D. Action replayy

ANSWER

B



The name of this Himachal mountain pass translates to mean 'pile of corpses' because of its treacherous slopes and malignant weather:

- A. Shipki
- B. Rohtang
- C. Kangla
- D. Manirang

ANSWER

B



HIMACHAL PRADESH



Where is the highest cricket stadium in the world located?

- A. Dharamkot
- B. Dharamshala
- C. Shimla
- D. Kufri

ANSWER

B



This revolutionary freedom fighter and author is hailed as the most gifted Hindi writer since Premchand. His famous works include 'Dada Kamred' and 'Deshdrohi'. Name this Padma Bhushan winning author.

- A. Amarkant
- B. Devaki Nandan Khatri
- C. Bhisham Sahni
- D. Yashpal

ANSWER

D



Spun out of Pashmina, or Angora wool this headgear is famous for it's beautiful blend of attractive colors and fine quality.

- A. Shimla scarfs
- B. Kullu caps
- C. Chamba turbans
- D. Solan topi

ANSWER

B

Write your own questions in the space provided !



JAMMU AND KASHMIR



Jammu and Kashmir has a significant political difference from other Indian states. What is it? It has -

- A. Its own constitution and Flag
- B. Two high courts
- C. Own state song
- D. Monarchy's involvement in politics

ANSWER

A



In the year 2019 the Ministry of Indian Railways is stated to start operating the world's tallest railway bridge (taller than the Eiffel tower). Over which river is this engineering marvel located?

- A. Saraswati
- B. Indus
- C. Chenab
- D. Jhelum

ANSWER

C



Avid enthusiasts of a certain popular sport will know Kashmir for its artistry in something other than Pashmina and intricate wood work. It is also famous for producing -

- A. Willow for the Cricket bats
- B. Cork for the balls
- C. Leather for the balls
- D. Ash for the stumps

ANSWER

A



What is the name of the ingenious heating device that used to be worn beneath traditional clothing by people in the Northern Himalayan regions? A personal heater with an artistic twist.

- A. Samovar
- B. Hibachi
- C. Kangri
- D. Jajeer

ANSWER

C



JAMMU AND KASHMIR



Jammu and Kashmir boasts of being the largest producer of the most expensive food on the planet. Name the food item.

- A. Sturgeon caviar
- B. Edelweiss seeds
- C. Kesar
- D. Lotus seeds

ANSWER

C



Born to a Kashmiri family, Salman Rushdie's second novel deals with India's transition from British colonialism to independence and the partition of British India. This won the Booker prize in 1981. Name the book.

- A. Shame
- B. Midnight's Children
- C. East, West
- D. The Satanic Verses

ANSWER

B



This long coat made of wool or tweed is worn both by women and men of Jammu and Kashmir.

- A. Pheran
- B. Saleem Shahi
- C. Lugade
- D. Japi

ANSWER

A

Write your own questions in the space provided !



PUNJAB



What is the name of the traditional percussion instrument with small brass jingles that is often used in popular Punjabi folk songs and Bhangra music?

- A. Chimta
- B. Sarangi
- C. Tambura
- D. Kato

ANSWER

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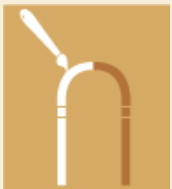


Who was the first female Chief Minister of Punjab?

- A. Bibi Jagir Kaur
- B. Kiran Bedhi
- C. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal
- D. Seema Roy

ANSWER

C



The beloved children's cartoon strip of Chacha Chaudhary was created by -

- A. Mario Miranda
- B. Pran Kumar Sharma
- C. Anant Pai
- D. K. Shankar Pillai

ANSWER

B



Shardha Ram Phillauri, father of modern Punjabi prose, is credited to have written the first Hindi novel. The portrayal of women and women's rights in this work are considered progressive in its time. Name this book.

- A. Bhagyawati
- B. Maila Anchal
- C. Nirmala
- D. Raag Darbari

ANSWER

A



PUNJAB



Punjab is famous for its embroidery. It is done with floss silk thread on coarse hand woven cotton fabric and geometrical or floral patterns are usually preferred. Name the embroidery style.

- A. Phulkari
- B. Aari
- C. Kantha
- D. Chikankari

ANSWER

A



A veritable food bowl of India, Punjab produces the largest quantity of grains. Where is the biggest grain market located?

- A. Amritsar
- B. Bathinda
- C. Khanna
- D. Patiala

ANSWER

C



The biggest project of its kind in Northern India, where is the Pushpa Gujral Science City located?

- A. Moga
- B. Khanna
- C. Ludhiana
- D. Jalandhar

ANSWER

D

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UTTAR PRADESH

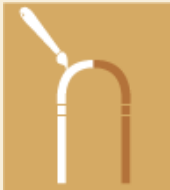


The capital of Uttar Pradesh is famous for a type of delicate embroidery believed to have been introduced by the Mughal empress Noorjehan. Although it began as a white-on-white (white embroidery on white cloth) embroidery, it soon evolved to colour embroidery on coloured cloth. What is the name of this style of embroidery?

- A. Banjara embroidery
- B. Heer barat
- C. Chikan
- D. Kantha

ANSWER

C



The district of Bulandshahr is one of the oldest centers of a type of a traditional Indian glazed pottery. What is the name given to this type of pottery?

- A. Khurja pottery
- B. Karigari pottery
- C. Terracotta pottery
- D. Harappan pottery

ANSWER

A



This dessert likely originated in the Mughal Empire during 16th century. According to Ain-i-Akbari, a detailed record of the Mughal emperor Akbar's administration, this is made by freezing a mixture of khoa, nuts and kear essence. Name the dessert.

- A. Rabri
- B. Firni
- C. Kulfi
- D. Barfi

ANSWER

C



Born on 2 October 1904 in Mughalsarai, this Indian freedom fighter and 2nd Prime Minister of India penned the slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan":

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- C. Vallabhbhai Patel
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

ANSWER

B



UTTAR PRADESH



The author of Madhushala, this Indian poet introduced himself with this simple line 'Mitti ka tan, masti ka man, kshan-bhar jivan mera parichay'. Name the poet.

- A. Keki N. Daruwalla
- B. A. K. Ramanujan
- C. Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- D. Gulzar

ANSWER

C



What is the name of the series of seasonal folk songs that are sung in spring time?

- A. Sawani
- B. Kajari
- C. Hori
- D. Chaiti

ANSWER

D



Which of the following kebabs shares its name with a tiny village in the outskirts of Lucknow?

- A. Nehari
- B. Kakori
- C. Patili
- D. Reshmi

ANSWER

B

Write your own questions in the space provided !



UTTARAKHAND



In most of his literary works Ruskin Bond captures the idyllic beauty and the spine chilling essence of which himalayan town?

- A. Kasauli
- B. Dehradun (Mussoorie)
- C. Shimla
- D. Nainital

ANSWER

B



Valley of Flowers is located in West Himalayas and is known for its meadows of beautiful alpine flowers and a wide variety of fauna. In which district of Uttarakhand is it located?

- A. Pauri
- B. Uttar Kashi
- C. Nainital
- D. Chamoli

ANSWER

D



This Indian lyricist was appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification on 11 August 2017:

- A. Pahlaj Nihalani
- B. Arvind Trivedi
- C. Prasoon Joshi
- D. Javed Akhtar

ANSWER

C



A noted environmentalist, Chipko movement leader and a follower of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of Satyagraha, for years this nonagenarian has been fighting for the preservation of forests in the Himalayas. Name this social activist.

- A. Sunderlal Bahuguna
- B. Anna Hazare
- C. Baba Amte
- D. R. Madhavan

ANSWER

A



UTTARAKHAND



Kumaon boasts a distinctive style of architecture which has lasted over a thousand years. This local architectural style is called -

- A. Kalinga
- B. Dravidian
- C. Hoysala
- D. Himadri

ANSWER

D



A popular recipe in the hills of Mussoorie, this pahari dish made with lentils and ginger - garlic paste is both delicious and nutritious.

- A. Garhwal ka Fannah
- B. Baadi
- C. Kandalee Ka Saag
- D. Kafuli

ANSWER

A



Hansuli is a typical traditional ornament worn by women in Uttarakhand. Where is it worn?

- A. Hands
- B. Ears
- C. Neck
- D. Ankle

ANSWER

C

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BIHAR



This region of Bihar, comprising the erstwhile kingdom of Videha, was once a centre of Brahmanical learning. It is well known for its unique, geometrically patterned intricate paintings & its distinct language, which is also spoken in Nepal. There have been demands in the past few years to make this region a separate state. Name the region.

- A. Magadh
- B. Pataliputra
- C. Bhojpur
- D. Mithila

ANSWER

D



This style of painting, believed to have been created by women & originally practiced as a wall art, now finds place in major art galleries all over the country. It is characterized by its use of natural colours and its standard themes of man's association with nature & scenes from the epics. What is the name of this type of painting?

- A. Manjusha Kala
- B. Madhubani
- C. Kalamkari
- D. Phad

ANSWER

B



Which of these ancient seats of knowledge and formal education is not located in modern day Bihar?

- A. Nalanda
- B. Odantapuri
- C. Takshashila
- D. Vikramashila

ANSWER

C



Who wrote a major part of India Divided while being imprisoned by British authorities during the Salt Satyagraha of 1931 and the Quit India movement of 1942.

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Rajendra Prasad

ANSWER

D



BIHAR



Name the rustic and traditional dish of stuffed whole wheat dough balls, where the stuffing is a spiced mix of roasted gram flour or sattu.

- A. Litti
- B. Choka
- C. Vada
- D. Luchi

ANSWER

A



India is the second largest producer of Tussar silk and the exclusive producer of tropical tussar. Much of it is produced in the Silk City which is -

- A. Muzaffarpur
- B. Bhojpur
- C. Bhagalpur
- D. Gaya

ANSWER

C



Which distinguished musician had the honour of being the invited by the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to perform at the Red Fort on the day of Indian Independence in 1947?

- A. Ustad Bismillah Khan
- B. Pankaj Udhas
- C. M. S. Subbulakshmi
- D. Ravi Shankar

ANSWER

A

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JHARKHAND



Which important Jain pilgrimage site is also the highest peak in Jharkhand?

- A. Kolhra
- B. Makamaro
- C. Parasnath
- D. Netarhat

ANSWER

C



Jharkhand's music tradition consists of various tribal forms and is known for its rich diversity. Most of them are accompanied with traditional dances. Name the music style.

- A. Dadra
- B. Thumri
- C. Baul
- D. Jhumar

ANSWER

D



A politician, prolific writer and sportsman, he captained the Indian field hockey team to clinch gold in the 1928 Summer Olympics in Amsterdam. After entering politics he championed the cause of Adivasis. He is popularly known as 'Marang Gomke', which means the Great Leader.

- A. Jaipal Singh
- B. Kunwar Singh
- C. Buddha Bhagat
- D. Raj Kumar Shukl

ANSWER

A



The oldest cave paintings in India, known as the scroll paintings, have been attributed to a Jharkhand tribe by art historians. This tribe is now living on the edge of extinction. Name the tribe.

- A. Asurs
- B. Shabars
- C. Bangali
- D. Bhutia

ANSWER

B



JHARKHAND



Zeishan Quadri, is an Indian writer and actor who has written the story and co-written the screenplay for the famous crime drama film directed by Anurag Kashyap. Name the film.

- A. Bombay Velvet
- B. Dev.D
- C. Gangs of Wasseyapur
- D. No Smoking

ANSWER

C



This Indian actor, model, fashion icon and philanthropist is one of India's highest-paid and most popular celebrities. She was born in Jamshedpur to two Indian army physicians. Who is she?

- A. Priyanka Chopra
- B. Parineeti Chopra
- C. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
- D. Deepika Padukone

ANSWER

A



This type of rice beer is commonly made by the indigenous people in Bihar and Jharkhand. Ranu tablets, which is essentially a combination of about 20-25 herbs, acts as a fermentor and are mixed with boiled rice and left to ferment. Name the drink.

- A. Kanji
- B. Kallu
- C. Bhang
- D. Handia

ANSWER

D

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ODISHA

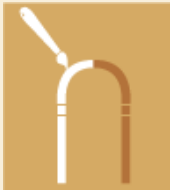


Which of the following place is the world s largest known nesting sites for Olive Ridley sea turtle?

- A. Chandipur beach
- B. Gahirmatha beach
- C. Chandrabhaga beach
- D. Astaranga beach

ANSWER

B



Which ancient dynasty is credited to have build the famous sun temple of Konark?

- A. Eastern Ganga dynasty
- B. Gajapatis dynasty
- C. Somavamshis dynasty
- D. Maurya dynasty

ANSWER

A



What of the following ancient regions or kingdoms are not a part of the modern day Odisha region

- A. Utkala
- B. Dravida
- C. Kalinga
- D. Mahakantara

ANSWER

B



Who was the first scholar to write in Odia? He was the poet who translated the Mahabharata in Odia.

- A. Sarala Das
- B. Jagannatha Das
- C. Arjun Das
- D. Achyutananda Das

ANSWER

A



ODISHA



This is a cheese based dessert from the state of Odisha and it is the only well known Indian dessert whose flavor is predominantly derived from the caramelization of sugar.

- A. Rasabali
- B. Pitha
- C. Chhena poda
- D. Malpua

ANSWER

C



One of the largest and oldest cities in Odisha, this city is famous for its traditional hand-woven saree where the warp and the weft are tie-dyed before weaving.

- A. Sambalpur
- B. Raipur
- C. Bhubaneswar
- D. Cuttack

ANSWER

A



In 1976, where was the Odisha Film Development Corporation established?

- A. Bhubaneswar
- B. Cuttack
- C. Berhampur
- D. Sambalpur

ANSWER

B

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WEST BENGAL



The composer of our National Anthem also penned the anthem of one of our neighbours. Is it that of:

- A. Bhutan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Nepal

ANSWER

B



Which of the famous indian fictional crime solvers preferred to be called a Satyanweshi or a 'seeker of truth' rather than a detective?

- A. Prodosh Chandra Mitra a.k.a Feluda
- B. Sam D Silva
- C. Byomkesh Bakshi
- D. ACP Pradyuman

ANSWER

C



The acclaimed filmmaker, Satyajit Ray, was often considered one of the finest filmmakers in the world, winning accolades from his debut film itself. Name this film.

- A. Apur Sansar
- B. Pather Panchali
- C. Aparajito
- D. Devi

ANSWER

B



The state of West Bengal is well-known all over the country for its sweetmeats. Name this famous Bengali sweetmeat made from milk, sugar & chhena (paneer), which is also known as praanahara in Bangladesh?

- A. Rajbhog
- B. Rasgulla
- C. Chomchom
- D. Sondesh

ANSWER

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WEST BENGAL

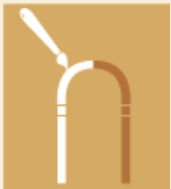


West Bengal produces one of the finest handloom cotton & silk sarees in the country. Listed below are a few famous handlooms from India. Pick the one that belongs from West Bengal:

- A. Ikat
- B. Baluchari
- C. Bomkai
- D. Patola

ANSWER

B



The Bengal School of Art was an influential art movement and a style of Indian painting that originated in Bengal, primarily Kolkata and Shantiniketan. It was associated with Indian nationalism (swadeshi) and was led by -

- A. Raja Ravi Varma
- B. MF Hussain
- C. Abanindranath Tagore
- D. Ajay De

ANSWER

C



A renowned Indian scholar and the senior leader of the Indian National Congress during the independence movement this freedom fighter became the first Minister of Education in the Indian government. He is also credited with the establishment of the Indian Institutes of Technology and the foundation of the University Grants Commission.

- A. Maulana Azad
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. R K Shanmukhan Chetty
- D. Baldev Singh

ANSWER

A

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GUJARAT



Anand, the milk capital of India, was home to the first dairy of another company. The monopoly and the unfair trade practices of this company spurred the formation of Amul and later the India's white revolution. Name this company.

- A. Vijaya Dairy
- B. Arun
- C. Polson
- D. Cadbury

ANSWER

C



The largest density of lions in the country are seen in this region.

- A. Gir forest
- B. Rajaji national park
- C. Manas forest
- D. Kanki forest

ANSWER

A



Which of these grand cities of the Indus Valley civilisation is situated in the Great Rann of Kutch region?

- A. Mohenjodaro
- B. Dholavira
- C. Rakhigari
- D. Ganweriwal

ANSWER

B



Mahatma Gandhi was a prolific writer. One of his earliest publications, published in Gujarati in 1909, became "the intellectual blueprint" for India's independence movement. Name this work.

- A. The Story of My Experiments with Truth
- B. Hind Swaraj
- C. Indian Opinion
- D. Harijan

ANSWER

B



GUJARAT



This town in Gujarat produces about 80% of the country's gross ceramic production and around 80% of compact fluorescent lamp (CFL). Name that town.

- A. Morbi
- B. Rajkot
- C. Bharuch
- D. Bhavnagar

ANSWER

A



Which of these dotted woven textile is worn as a shawl or a wrap around skirt by the women of Bharwad shepherd community in Gujarat?

- A. Ikat
- B. Tussar
- C. Tangaliya
- D. Korvai

ANSWER

C



Which feature film focusing on dairy farming was sponsored by 500,000 farmers of Gujarat?

- A. Mandi
- B. Anand
- C. Manthan
- D. Arth

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



MAHARASHTRA



The state of Maharashtra is famous for a type of silk which is characterized by its peacock borders and kaleidoscope effect. It is named after a town near Aurangabad and is considered to be one of the richest silks in India. Name that silk

- A. Narayanpeth
- B. Paithani
- C. Ikat
- D. Chanderi

ANSWER

B



Who wrote Ghashiram Kotwal, recognized as one of the longest running plays in the world?

- A. Mahesh Dattani
- B. Salman Rushdie
- C. Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- D. Vijay Tendulkar

ANSWER

D



Which Kohlapur-born fashion designer became the first Indian to win an Academy award for the film Gandhi ?

- A. Neeta Lulla
- B. Ritu Kumar
- C. Dolly Ahluwalia
- D. Bhanu Athaiya

ANSWER

D



What is the traditional Maharashtrian savoury multi grain pancake called?

- A. Thalipeeth
- B. Bakshalu
- C. Dhebra
- D. Khakhra

ANSWER

A



MAHARASHTRA



Which of the following is the largest national park in Maharashtra?

- A. Pench wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Sanjay Gandhi National Park
- C. Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve
- D. Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary

ANSWER

C



Who advised Mahatma Gandhi to take a tour of the whole country before becoming active in national politics?

- A. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- B. Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Mahadev Govind Ranade

ANSWER

B



Which famous Mumbai-born Hindustani exponent wrote the book Swaraartha Ramani ?

- A. Gangubai Hangal
- B. Shobha Gurtu
- C. Kishori Amonkar
- D. Mogubai Kurdikar

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



RAJASTHAN



The shimmering white marble of the Taj Mahal came from these famous quarries of Rajasthan

- A. Makrana
- B. Jalore
- C. Giral
- D. Jalipa

ANSWER

A



Which iconic Indian singer, composer and musician composed and recorded songs written by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2 albums, Nayi Disha and Samvedna.

- A. Jagjit Singh
- B. AR Rahman
- C. Pankaj Uddhas
- D. Ilayaraja

ANSWER

A

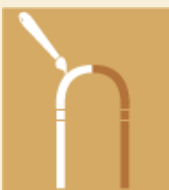


A common North Indian vegetarian dish made of lentils, pulses & fried balls of wheat flour got a twist after a cook accidentally poured sugar cane juice into the wheat flour, creating an unmatched flavour. This dish is now considered a quintessential Rajasthani dish, and is well loved by locals and tourists alike. Name this dish.

- A. Dal Baati Churma
- B. Ker Maati
- C. Dil Khushal
- D. Mawa kachori

ANSWER

A



The state of Rajasthan is famous for its colourful puppet shows, featuring puppets made of wood, cotton & metal wire. These puppet shows began over a thousand years ago, and are used not only as a form of entertainment but also as a form of spreading social and moral awareness. Name this form of puppet theatre.

- A. Ghoomar
- B. Kathputli
- C. Kundhel
- D. Gombayatta

ANSWER

B



RAJASTHAN



This is the center for the art of Kundan and Meenakari jewellery:

- A. Jaipur
- B. Udaipur
- C. Jodhpur
- D. Ajmer

ANSWER

A



Who is the only MP in the Lok Sabha who was also an Olympic medallist?

- A. Abhinav Bindra
- B. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- C. Gagan Narang
- D. Sushil Kumar

ANSWER

B



Which Rajasthani poet composed Prithviraj Raso, an epic poem in Brajbhasa about the life of the Chahamana king Prithviraj Chauhan?

- A. Kesari Singh Barahath
- B. Suryamal Misran
- C. Chand Bardai
- D. Arjun Deo Charan

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



ANDHRA PRADESH



The modern Indian flag was based on the design by this freedom fighter from Andhra Pradesh:

- A. Potti Sreeramulu
- B. Alluri Sita Rama Raju
- C. Pingali Venkayya
- D. Tanguturi Prakasam

ANSWER

C



In the late 18th century which of the following is believed to be the single largest source of revenue for the British East India Company?

- A. Hundi in Lord Venkateswara Temple in Tirumala
- B. Trade in Indigo
- C. Monopoly over port activities in Kolkata
- D. The salt tax

ANSWER

A



In the 2017 Indian war film, The Ghazi Attack, Ghazi was sent to destroy which Indian warship off the coast of Visakhapatnam?

- A. INS Arihant
- B. INS Virat
- C. INS Vikramaditya
- D. INS Vikrant

ANSWER

D



This dance is believed to have originated in Odisha but has since been accepted as the official dance of Visakhapatnam district. Its primarily performed by the tribes in Araku valley and Borra Caves. Name the dance.

- A. Charchari
- B. Rasak
- C. Dhimsa
- D. Hallisaka

ANSWER

C



ANDHRA PRADESH



Which emperor wrote the Telugu lyrical masterpiece of 'Amuktamalyada'?

- A. Chandragupta Maurya
- B. Harshavardhana
- C. Krishnadevaraya
- D. Raja Raja Chola

ANSWER

C



In the famous Telugu movie, Mayabazar, there is a scene in which the groom's party creates a ruckus saying that the impending meal lacks a certain dish that is loved by every Andhrate. Name that chutney.

- A. Kobbari pachadi
- B. Gongura pachadi
- C. Tomato pachadi
- D. Mamidikaya pachadi

ANSWER

B



Woven in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh, these fine cotton weaves are registered as one of the geographical indications from the state:

- A. Venkatagiri
- B. Gadwal
- C. Pochampally
- D. Kanjeevaram

ANSWER

A

Write your own questions in the space provided !



GOA



In the Indian literary world, Goa played a very important role. What was the event that forwarded the cause of Indian book publication?

- A. The first printing press in India
- B. The first Indian novel was written here
- C. First translation of the Bible to Indian Languages
- D. Site of publication of Indian freedom movement literature

ANSWER

A



Goa has the distinction of being the -

- A. Most recently formed state in India
- B. Richest state in India
- C. First French Colony in India
- D. First Portuguese Colony in India

ANSWER

B



What are the two official languages in Goa?

- A. Goa konkani and Marathi
- B. Goa konkani and Portuguese
- C. Marathi and Portuguese
- D. Goa konkani and Kannada

ANSWER

A



Amitabh Bachchan's character in Amar Akbar and Anthony was inspired by this Goan musical composer:

- A. Anthony Joshua
- B. Anthony Fernandes
- C. Anthony de Souza
- D. Anthony Gonsalves

ANSWER

D



GOA



An Indian curry dish popular in the region of Goa, the surrounding Konkan region, this gets its name from the Portuguese words for wine and garlic:

- A. Vindaloo
- B. Jalfrezi
- C. Do Pyaza
- D. Korma

ANSWER

A

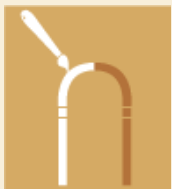


Goa's fashion history reflects its cultural fabric- Portuguese structure with Indian roots. This dress is a perfect example, the lower garment is sarong or lungi that existed in Dravidian culture, the blouse is adapted from the Portuguese loose upper garment. What is this dress called?

- A. Valkal
- B. Pano Bhaju
- C. Lehenga
- D. Nivi

ANSWER

B



This famous artist's cartoons present beautiful vignettes of Goan village life. His other creations, such as Miss Nimbupani and Miss Fonseca, appeared on a regular basis in Economic Times, and The Illustrated Weekly of India. Name the artist.

- A. Mario Miranda
- B. Jean-Jacques Sempé
- C. Anthony Gonsalves
- D. Eustace Fernandes

ANSWER

A

Write your own questions in the space provided !



KARNATAKA



Who is considered as the father of Carnatic music?

- A. Tyagaraja
- B. Purandara Dasa
- C. Annamacharya
- D. Basavanna

ANSWER

B



Likely to be the work of several authors over centuries, who is mainly credited as the author of Arthashastra (the ancient Indian treatise on statecraft, economic policy and military strategy)?

- A. Kautilya
- B. Vikramaditya
- C. Chandragupta Maurya
- D. Kalidasa

ANSWER

A



Who was the first Indian female Ruler to lead an armed rebellion against the British rule?

- A. Rani Chennamma
- B. Rani Lakshmi Bai
- C. Chand bibi
- D. Rudrama Devi

ANSWER

A



Born in a Marathi family in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, this cricketer and former national team captain grew up in Bengaluru. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket. Name the sportsman.

- A. VVS Laxman
- B. Sunil Gavaskar
- C. Anil Kumble
- D. Rahul Dravid

ANSWER

D



KARNATAKA

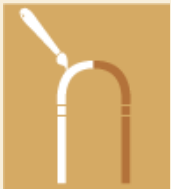


This form of metal handicraft was developed in the 14th century C.E. during the rule of the Bahamani Sultans. The metal used is a blackened alloy of zinc and copper inlaid with thin sheets of pure silver. Name the art form.

- A. Nirmala painting
- B. Bidriware
- C. Meenakari
- D. Maniratni

ANSWER

B



The Cartoonist Anant Pai is famous for creating the comic book series of -

- A. Chacha Chaudhary
- B. Chandamama
- C. Amar Chitra Katha
- D. Champak comics

ANSWER

C



The Sufi saint Baba Budan is believed to have introduced this plant in India. He brought back the seeds from Yemen while returning from Haj. These plants grown on the slopes of the Chandragiri Hills in Kadur district of Mysore bear his name:

- A. Tea
- B. Cashew
- C. Coffee
- D. Cardamom

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



KERALA



Born in Shillong, Meghalaya, to a Bengali father and Malayali mother, this author went on to win the Booker prize award for her debut novel set in the Kottayam district of Kerala.

- A. Jhumpa Lahiri, The Namesake
- B. Arundhati Roy, The God of Small Things
- C. Anita Desai, Clear Light of Day
- D. Kiran Desai, The Inheritance of Loss

ANSWER

B



This traditional martial art form is believed to be one of the oldest surviving fighting systems in the world

- A. Kalaripayattu
- B. Silambam
- C. Mallayuddha
- D. Kushti

ANSWER

A



Which of these dance forms from Kerala means 'a performance of a story or a conversation'?

- A. Mohiniyattam
- B. Sattriya
- C. Kathakali
- D. Bihu

ANSWER

C



The highest peak in the Western Ghats is situated in Kerala. Name the peak.

- A. Anamudi
- B. Mannamala
- C. Vavul Mala
- D. Padagiri

ANSWER

A



KERALA

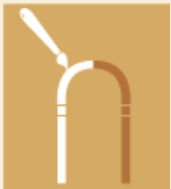


Who was India's first Dalit President?

- A. K R Narayanan
- B. Ram Nath Kovind
- C. R Venkatraman
- D. V V Giri

ANSWER

A



Born into an aristocratic family this celebrated Indian painter is considered among the greatest painters in the history of Indian art. His painting of Nair Lady Adorning Her Hair was given the Governor's Gold Medal in 1873. Name the artist.

- A. B. C. Sanyal
- B. Raja Ravi Varma
- C. Ravishankar Raval
- D. Rabindranath Tagore

ANSWER

B



Supposedly invented by Bhima, one of the Pandava brothers, this thick mixture of vegetables and coconut is an important part of Sadya, the Keralite feast.

- A. Thoran
- B. Pulusu
- C. Avial
- D. Kobari Pachadi

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



TAMIL NADU



In the wonderful (fictitious) world of Malgudi, on the banks of which river do Swami and his friends spend most of their evenings?

- A. Vamsadhara
- B. Sabari
- C. Nagavali
- D. Sarayu

ANSWER

D



Flat and crispy at the sides just like a dosa but soft and doughy in the middle like an Idli, Uttapam is a specialty of Tamil Nadu. It is made by grinding of rice and which dal?

- A. Urad
- B. Channa
- C. Kesari
- D. Moong

ANSWER

A



This style of saree follows the ardhanareshwara style of draping, meaning half man and half woman; the lower half is draped like a dhoti while the upper half is pleated like a saree:

- A. Pinkosu
- B. Madisar
- C. Phanek
- D. Kunbi

ANSWER

B



What was the southernmost point of Indian peninsular called?

- A. Indira point
- B. Cape horn
- C. Cape comorin
- D. Blair point

ANSWER

C



TAMIL NADU



Under the Pallava's rule Monolithic, rock cut architecture flourished in present day Tamil Nadu. Name one of the shining examples of this style.

- A. Shore temple complex at Mahabalipuram
- B. Brihadesvara Temple of Thanjavur
- C. Kampahareswarar Temple at Thirubhuvanam
- D. Airavatesvara Temple of Darasuram

ANSWER

A



When was the name of Madras officially changed to Chennai?

- A. 1993
- B. 1996
- C. 1995
- D. 1999

ANSWER

C



This Indian Carnatic singer from Tamil Nadu was the first musician ever to be awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour.

- A. M. Balamuralikrishna
- B. M. S. Subbulakshmi
- C. D. K. Pattammal
- D. Ravi Shankar

ANSWER

B

Write your own questions in the space provided !



TELANGANA



Which of the following museums houses the largest one-man collection of antiques in the world?

- A. Salar Jung Museum
- B. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya
- C. Nizam Museum
- D. Jehangir Art Gallery

ANSWER

A



Which sports woman was made the brand ambassador for the newly formed state of Telangana?

- A. Karnam Malleswari
- B. Sania Mirza
- C. PV Sindhu
- D. Sindhuja Reddy

ANSWER

B



Which of these handcrafted woven sari is the mosaic of cotton body with silk pallu?

- A. Gadwal
- B. Pochampally
- C. Ikat
- D. Kanjeevaram

ANSWER

A



Owing to its cultural significance and popularity, this Hyderabad speciality was granted Geographical Indication Status (GIS) by the Indian GIS registry, making it the first non-vegetarian dish in India to get this status.

- A. Hyderabad Biryani
- B. Hyderabad Haleem
- C. Hyderabad Firni
- D. Hyderabad Burfi

ANSWER

B



TELANGANA



Who was the Telugu poet who translated the Bhagavata Purana from Sanskrit to Telugu?

- A. Pothana
- B. Kalidasa
- C. Ramadasa
- D. Tenali RamaKrishna

ANSWER

A



The 2015 movie Rudhrama Devi is based on the life of the warrior queen of the same name. She belonged to which of these ruling dynasties?

- A. Reddy
- B. Pallava
- C. Kakatiya
- D. Vijayanagara

ANSWER

C



The Manjira wildlife sanctuary is home to more than 70 species of birds and the vulnerable species of mugger crocodile. In which district of Telangana is it located?

- A. Adilabad
- B. Mahbubnagar
- C. Nalgonda
- D. Medak

ANSWER

D

Write your own questions in the space provided !



CHHATTISGARH



Following a period of about 30 years when no Chhattisgarhi movie was produced, what is the name of this Satish Jain movie which was released 3 days before the announcement of Chhattisgarh state formation?

- A. Kahi Debe Sandesh
- B. Ghar Dwar
- C. Mayaa
- D. Mor Chhainha Bhuinya

ANSWER

D



When was the state of Chhattisgarh formed?

- A. November 1, 2000
- B. October 27, 2000
- C. November 11, 2000
- D. October 30, 2000

ANSWER

A



Which of the following plays was penned by the famous freedom fighter and advocate of separate statehood for Chhattisgarh, Dr.Khub Chand Baghel?

- A. Unch Neech
- B. Daan Lila
- C. Naach
- D. Reedh ki haddi

ANSWER

A



What does the state's name, Chhattisgarh, mean?

- A. 36 forts
- B. Land of kings
- C. 36 cities
- D. Land of Forts

ANSWER

A



CHHATTISGARH

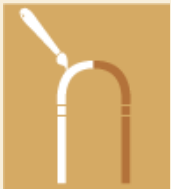


Chhattisgarh is world famous for producing this type of golden brown silk:

- A. Ghicha
- B. Kosa
- C. Bhaglpuri
- D. Eri

ANSWER

B



This fort, built in 10th century CE, is protected by strong natural walls and is considered as one of the strongest natural forts.

- A. Pithoragarh Fort
- B. Burail Fort
- C. Chaiturgarh fort
- D. Gobindgarh Fort

ANSWER

C



Made with ground Urad dal and kochai patta, arranged in alternate layers and cooked in steam, this traditional Chhattisgarhi dish is then prepared with curd like curry.

- A. Aamat
- B. Bore Baasi
- C. Iddhar
- D. Muthia

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



MADHYA PRADESH



To celebrate the diversity and richness of various classical indian dance forms, the Madhya Pradesh Kala Parishad organizes a week long annual event called the Festival of dances in this city:

- A. Ujjain
- B. Chanderi
- C. Khajuraho
- D. Indore

ANSWER

C



The Tulsi Samman is a prestigious arts award presented annually by the government of Madhya Pradesh for outstanding achievement in which field?

- A. Eastern Ganga dynasty
- B. Tribal and folks arts
- C. Architecture
- D. Modern art

ANSWER

B



Born in 1929 Indore this singer is known as the Nightingale of Bollywood.

- A. Shubha Mudgal
- B. Kishori Amonkar
- C. Asha Bhosle
- D. Lata Mangeshkar

ANSWER

D



Name the Indian poet, writer, essayist, playwright and a journalist who is particularly remembered for his participation in India's national struggle for independence and his poem 'Deep Se Deep Jale.'

- A. Makhanlal Chaturvedi
- B. Seth Govind Das
- C. Ramkumar Verma
- D. Kailash Satyarthi

ANSWER

A



MADHYA PRADESH



Who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, along with Malala Yousafzai, for his work in promoting Indian children's rights and education?

- A. Makhanlal Chaturvedi
- B. Seth Govind Das
- C. Ramkumar Verma
- D. Kailash Satyarthi

ANSWER

D



According to legend the fabric from this city is so finely woven that it was once gifted to Emperor Akbar in the hollow of a bamboo stick. When drawn out it was enough to cover an entire elephant.

- A. Tussar
- B. Ujjain
- C. Chanderi
- D. Paithani

ANSWER

C



For the avid street food lover, Indore is bound to lure you into its spell with its wide variety of delicacies served till 2 in the night. Name the street that is particularly famous as a jewellery street by day and street food court by night.

- A. Sarafa bazar
- B. Chandini gully
- C. Malwa bazar
- D. Rajputana

ANSWER

A

Write your own questions in the space provided !



ARUNACHAL PRADESH



According to the Shimla Accord, what line separates Arunachal Pradesh and Tibet?

- A. McMahon Line
- B. Durand Line
- C. Curzon Line
- D. Maginot Line

ANSWER

A



Which of the following countries does not share a border with Arunachal Pradesh?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. China
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER

B



The traditional folk dance of Aji Lamu is performed by which tribe?

- A. Monpa
- B. Nishing
- C. Apatani
- D. Adi

ANSWER

A



Stuart Blackburn's book on the Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh during Colonial British India won the MM Bennetts Award for Historical Fiction 2016 in the UK. Name the book.

- A. Necropolis
- B. Valley of Fear
- C. Into the Hidden Valley
- D. The Orchid

ANSWER

C



ARUNACHAL PRADESH



What is the name of the traditional skull-cap that is decorated with Yak hair?

- A. Mushaiks
- B. Topi
- C. Gurdam
- D. Adi

ANSWER

C

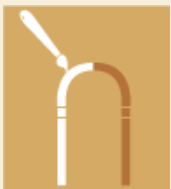


What is the name of the light rice beer brewed in Arunachal Pradesh?

- A. Bhang
- B. Kallu
- C. Tandi
- D. Apong

ANSWER

D



The Tangsa tribe in Arunachal Pradesh build their houses on stilts and with a hearth in every room to keep warm. What are these houses called?

- A. Chang Ghors
- B. Cabana
- C. Orri
- D. Oca

ANSWER

A

Write your own questions in the space provided !



ASSAM



This Padma Bhushan recipient is well known throughout the country for composing & singing Assamese songs on universal brotherhood & national integration. He was post-humously awarded with India's second highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2011. Name this singer.

- A. Bhupen Hazarika
- B. Bishnu Prasad Rabha
- C. Khagen Mahanta
- D. Rameshwar Pathak

ANSWER

A



In which town is the Assam silk industry centered?

- A. Jorhat
- B. Dispur
- C. Sualkuchi
- D. Silchar

ANSWER

C



Gibbon Wildlife sanctuary, which has the densest gibbon population in Assam is located at:

- A. Chirang
- B. Dibrugarh
- C. Kokrajhar
- D. Jorhat

ANSWER

D



Bhupen Hazarika Bridge which is India's longest (spanning over 9 km) connects which two towns?

- A. Dhola - Sadia
- B. Tezpur - Kaliabor
- C. Dhemaji - Dibrugarh
- D. Jorjighopa - Goalpara

ANSWER

A



ASSAM



This chilli pepper originating from Assam was certified as the world's hottest naturally occurring chilli pepper by the Guinness World Records:

- A. Naga Morich
- B. Bhootjolokia
- C. Adjuma
- D. Sannam

ANSWER

B



What is the name of the book, written by Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya, which deals with the plan to derail a train carrying military officers in the dangerous valley of the Brahmaputra river at Panikhaiti?

- A. Mrityunjaya
- B. The White Tiger
- C. Necropolis
- D. Valley of Death

ANSWER

A



Who was the first Assamese president of India?

- A. Gopinath Bordoloi
- B. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed
- C. Bishnu Prasad Rabha
- D. Ranjan Gogoi

ANSWER

B

Write your own questions in the space provided !



MANIPUR



Chungneijang Mery Kom Hmangte, better known as Mary Kom, won the Olympic Bronze medal in which year?

- A. 2012, London
- B. 2008, Beijing
- C. 2000, Sydney
- D. 2016, Rio de Janeiro

ANSWER

A



Irom Chanu Sharmila, also known as the "Iron Lady" is a civil rights activist and poet from Manipur. She held the world's longest hunger strike primarily to -

- A. protest against the rampant corruption in state related issues
- B. repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act
- C. initiate Manipur as a separate state
- D. advocate for women's rights

ANSWER

B



The classical Manipuri dance of Ras Lila features unique costumes. The women are usually dressed as Manipuri brides. Most noted in the ensemble is the Kumil which is -

- A. undulating gauzy translucent veil
- B. bells on ankles or traditional anklets
- C. an elaborately decorated barrel shaped long skirt
- D. embroidered blouses

ANSWER

C



Manipur hold an important place in Indian cinema for being -

- A. the first production facility for film reel
- B. the backdrop of first female lead movie
- C. the location for the first film shot in India
- D. the first place to introduce movie theaters in India

ANSWER

D



MANIPUR



This author was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1976 for her book Boro Saheb Ongbi Sanatombi, which was based on Manipur's King and his interactions with the British. As a member of Manipur's Royal family, her book has a ring of authenticity. Name the author.

- A. Jhumpa Lahiri
- B. M.K. Binodini Devi
- C. Kiran Desai
- D. Arundhati Roy

ANSWER

B

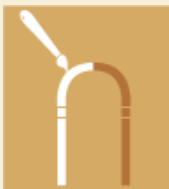


What is the name of the famous vegetable stew that is made of boiled vegetables, flavoured with sliced onions, cloves, salt, garlic, maroi and a bit of ginger?

- A. Eromba
- B. Kangshoi
- C. Singju
- D. Chahao Kheer

ANSWER

B



A special type of reed grown in the wetlands and marshes of this region in Manipur which is used to make mats, chairs and bags. Name the place that lends its name to the craft.

- A. Chandrapur
- B. Imphal
- C. Kauna
- D. Jiribam

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



MEGHALAYA



In which Meghalayan town would one find the longest known example of a living root bridge?

- A. Cherrapunji
- B. Rangthylliang
- C. Mawlynnong
- D. Pynursla

ANSWER

D



Rich in nutrient value, this ingredient is a favourite of the Garos and is prepared in different ways, including pickling:

- A. Lotus stems
- B. Raw mango
- C. Bamboo shoots
- D. Coconut

ANSWER

C



What is the name of the saree like, unstitched garment made from locally grown Mulberry silk?

- A. Sarong
- B. Jainsen
- C. Chera
- D. Patti

ANSWER

B



Who is the legendary Khasi folk singer from Meghalaya whose poetry invokes a feeling of getting closer to nature and gives voice to the sacred grooves of Mawphlang?

- A. Bah Kerios Wahlang
- B. Nitum Romesh
- C. Arbin Soibam
- D. Aphao

ANSWER

A



MEGHALAYA



Set in and around Meghalaya, Janice Pariat's debut collection of short stories earned the author the distinction of being the first writer from Meghalaya to receive an award from the Sahitya Akademi for a work in English. Name the collection.

- A. Boats on Land
- B. The Waterfall
- C. Stories of War
- D. Tree Houses

ANSWER

A



What is the official language of Meghalaya?

- A. Khasi
- B. Garo
- C. English
- D. Hajong

ANSWER

C



Which place in Meghalaya was dubbed the 'Scotland of the East'?

- A. Williamnagar
- B. Cherrapunji
- C. Shillong
- D. Tura

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



MIZORAM

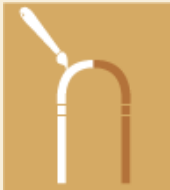


Mizo women wear this beautiful headgear made of cane, flowers and beads while performing the traditional Cheraw dance:

- A. Thihna
- B. Kawrchei
- C. Vakiria
- D. Puan

ANSWER

C



The traditional Mizo dance using two crossed pairs of bamboo staves is called:

- A. Tinikling
- B. Cheraw
- C. Bihu
- D. Hajgiri

ANSWER

B



The Mizo accord was signed to stop the protests against the Central government negligence and indifference with regards to the severe famine, Mautam. When was it signed?

- A. June 30, 1986
- B. July 30, 1986
- C. February 20, 1987
- D. November 1, 1987

ANSWER

A



What was the pen name of the famous Mizo poet whose work was so well loved that litterateurs compiled and recorded his poetry which was initially not in the written form?

- A. Awithangpa
- B. V. Thangzama
- C. Laltanpuia
- D. Vankhama

ANSWER

A



MIZORAM



What is the name of the percussion instrument indigenous to the Mizo people, that is made from a hollow tree wrapped on both sides with animal skin?

- A. Bengbung
- B. Darbu
- C. Dar
- D. Khuang

ANSWER

D



Koat Pitha is an ideal tea time snack for Mizos. It is made of rice flour and -

- A. Coconut
- B. Banana
- C. Raw Mango
- D. Lotus stems

ANSWER

B



The Mizo Hills District was formerly known as?

- A. Lupta
- B. Khasi
- C. Lushai
- D. Garo

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



NAGALAND



Early in November 2013, an international team of ornithologists counted over 1 million of a bird species entering a night roost near Wokha in Nagaland. It was by far the largest and most spectacular roost of any species ever seen anywhere in the world. What was the bird in question?

- A. Amur Falcons
- B. Blyth's tragopan
- C. Great hornbill
- D. Yellow-throated bulbul

ANSWER

A



What does the Hornbill festival or the Festival of Festivals celebrate?

- A. Preservation of Great Indian Hornbills
- B. Inter-tribal interaction and promotes cultural heritage
- C. Wildlife conservation
- D. Woodland Protection

ANSWER

B



What is the name for the popular fermented soybeans?

- A. Chokibo
- B. Satea
- C. Axone
- D. Zutho

ANSWER

C



What is the name of the instrument that measures about 3 4 foot in length and is made of a dried carved-out Bottle Gourd?

- A. Tanpura
- B. Tati
- C. Sitar
- D. Jemji

ANSWER

B



NAGALAND



The conventional view is that the word Naga originated from the Burmese word Naka , meaning people wearing some kind of jewellery. Name the jewellery.

- A. Earrings
- B. Anklets
- C. Bangles
- D. Crown

ANSWER

A



Who wrote “These Hills Called Home: Stories from the War Zone” that detail the struggle of the Naga people to find peace and have national identity?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Janice Pariat
- C. Temsula Ao
- D. Kiran Desai

ANSWER

C



The Battle of Kohima, fought in 1944 during the Second World War, was the turning point to stop which country’s march into India?

- A. Great Britain
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. Russia

ANSWER

B

Write your own questions in the space provided !



SIKKIM



Which of these endangered animals is recognised as the state animal of Sikkim?

- A. Binturong or the bear cat
- B. Red panda or the red bear cat
- C. Panda
- D. Snow leopard

ANSWER

B



Sikkim hold the prestigious title of being India's first -

- A. Biofuel state
- B. Organic state
- C. Bio protected state
- D. Composting state

ANSWER

B



The controversial 1971 documentary, Sikkim, was commissioned by the erstwhile king of Sikkim to address the threat of the nation's sovereignty. It was written and directed by this famous Indian director:

- A. Guru Dutt
- B. Bimal Roy
- C. Satyajit Ray
- D. Shyam Benegal

ANSWER

C



Sikkimese carpet weaving is believed to be the oldest form of weaving in the world. This community of people are said to be expert weavers in this practice:

- A. Lepchas
- B. Bhutias
- C. Khasi
- D. Dimasas

ANSWER

B



SIKKIM



The men of this community wear a Pagri made of striped cotton cloth:

- A. Khasi
- B. Mizo
- C. Nepali
- D. Lepcha

ANSWER

D



What is the name of the book written by Andrew Duff that talks about the political events leading to the referendum in 1975 joining Sikkim to India as its 22nd state?

- A. Sikkim: Requiem for a Himalayan Kingdom
- B. Smash and Grab: Annexation of Sikkim
- C. Himalayan Village: An Account of the Lepchas of Sikkim
- D. Land Where I Flee

ANSWER

A



What is the name of the noodle soup of Tibetan origin that has found its way to being one of the most loved food in Sikkim?

- A. Momo
- B. Rasam
- C. Thukpa
- D. Gundruk

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



TRIPURA



This famous singer-composer, hailing from the royal family of Tripura, has composed music for over a 100 Hindi & Bengali films. His songs have been sung by the greats of Hindi playback singing, from Lata Mangeshkar & Mohammed Rafi to Talat Mahmood & Kishore Kumar. His son was also a pioneering music composer & singer from the 1960s to the 1990s. Name this composer.

- A. KS Saigal
- B. SD Burman
- C. OP Nayyar
- D. Khayyam

ANSWER

B



Rajmala gives an account of the mythological origin of the kings of Tripura, tracing the genealogy of the ruling king to the Lunar Dynasty. It was written under which king's rule?

- A. Durga Manikya
- B. Virat Manikya
- C. Dharma Manikya
- D. Dharya Manikya

ANSWER

C



One of the key ingredients of Tripuri food is Berma, which is -

- A. Lotus stems
- B. Dried fermented fish
- C. Okra
- D. Pumpkin seeds

ANSWER

B



Which king built the Neermahal or the water palace with the fascinating idea of blending Hindu and Muslim architectural styles?

- A. Bir Bikram Kishore
- B. Radhe Kishore
- C. Bir Chandra
- D. Kashi Chandra

ANSWER

A



TRIPURA



Due to its geographically inaccessible location only one highway connects the state of Tripura to India. Name that route.

- A. NH 7
- B. NH 8
- C. NH 44
- D. NH 9

ANSWER

B



Who formed the Janasiksha Samity in order to educate the tribal masses, enrich the tribal language and literature and make the tribal people conscious of their social and political rights?

- A. Bir Bikram Kishore
- B. Radhe Kishore
- C. Bir Chandra
- D. Dasarath Deb

ANSWER

D



What is the name of the traditional skirt worn by Tripuri women?

- A. Rignai
- B. Risa
- C. Rikutu
- D. Kamchwlwi

ANSWER

A

Write your own questions in the space provided !



ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS



Which 150 km wide waterway separates the Andaman and Nicobar islands?

- A. Coco Chanel
- B. Ten Degree Channel
- C. Palk Strait
- D. Malar Channel

ANSWER

B



Andaman and Nicobar islands are home to what are believed to be the only surviving Paleolithic tribes. They are fiercely private and the Indian government strictly prohibits any contact with the tribes people in order to preserve and protect their way of life. Name the tribe:

- A. Kulia
- B. Sentineli
- C. Varli
- D. Sansoi

ANSWER

B



Which medium-sized marine mammal is the state animal of Andaman and Nicobar islands?

- A. Dolphin
- B. Porpoise
- C. Dugong
- D. Beluga Whale

ANSWER

C



What is the other name for the infamous Kala Pani which served as a colonial prison to exile political prisoners during the British Raj?

- A. Dark water Prison
- B. Freedom Park
- C. Ross Island Penal Colony
- D. Cellular Jail

ANSWER

D



ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS



Which island is the only site for an active volcano in South Asia?

- A. Barren Island
- B. Smith Island
- C. Viper Island
- D. Narcondam Island

ANSWER

A



What's is the most widely spoken language on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A. English
- B. Sentineli
- C. Bengali
- D. Tamil

ANSWER

C



Which was the first European country to start a colony on the Islands?

- A. England
- B. Portugal
- C. France
- D. Denmark

ANSWER

D

Write your own questions in the space provided !



CHANDIGARH



Which 100-acre compound built by the French architect Le Corbusier was declared a UNESCO Heritage Site in 2016?

- A. Rock Garden
- B. Chandigarh Capitol Complex
- C. City Centre, Sector 17
- D. Garden of Palms

ANSWER

B



Who is the architect of the planned city of Chandigarh?

- A. Albert Mayor
- B. Le Corbusier
- C. Maciej Nowicki
- D. Maxwell Fry

ANSWER

B



The famous rose garden of Chandigarh is named after which former Indian president?

- A. KR Narayanan
- B. Zakir Hussain
- C. Shankar Dayal Sharma
- D. S Radhakrishnan

ANSWER

B



The founder of hotmail.com was born in Chandigarh. Name him.

- A. Sabeer Bhatia
- B. Sunil Mittal
- C. Naveen Jindal
- D. Yograj Singh

ANSWER

A



CHANDIGARH



What will you not find in any of the Chandigarh Parks:

- A. Fountains
- B. Benches
- C. Food Stalls
- D. Statues

ANSWER

D



What is the official emblem of Chandigarh?

- A. A hand shake
- B. Thumbs up
- C. Open Hand
- D. Victory symbol

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI



In 1961, K.G. Badlani was Prime Minister of Dadra and Nagar Haveli for just one day. Why did he lose his position?

- A. He died of a heart attack.
- B. He was ousted by the United Front of Goans.
- C. He was temporarily filling the position for someone else.
- D. He signed an agreement that the land become part of India.

ANSWER

D



Dadra and Nagar Haveli is composed of two separate geographical entities. Which two Indian states are they located in?

- A. Maharashtra and Goa
- B. Maharashtra and Gujarat
- C. Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- D. Gujarat and Goa

ANSWER

B



Dadra and Nagar Haveli is located in the middle of the watershed of which river?

- A. Ganga
- B. Narmada
- C. Daman Ganga
- D. Tapi

ANSWER

C



Nagar Haveli has small enclave village that belongs to Gujarat. Name that village.

- A. Maghval
- B. Anand
- C. Kisol
- D. Mandwa

ANSWER

A



DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI



The Hindi movie “Phool Aur Kaante” which featured the debut performances of Ajay Devgan and Madhubala Raghunath (of Roja fame) was shot in this city:

- A. Amlī
- B. Vapi
- C. Naroli
- D. Silvassa

ANSWER

D



What is the name of the famous lake gardens in Dadra?

- A. Vanganga
- B. Nutan
- C. Nirmal
- D. Mrinal

ANSWER

A

Write your own questions in the space provided !



DAMAN AND DIU



Who fought against the Portuguese in the four month long Siege of Diu?

- A. Bahadur Shah
- B. Tipu sultan
- C. Abu Bakr Shah
- D. Sher Shah Suri

ANSWER

A



What was the name of the military operation launched by the Indian army in 1961 to free Goa, Daman & Diu from Portuguese colonisation?

- A. Operation Blue Star
- B. Operation Python
- C. Operation Vijay
- D. Operation Viraat

ANSWER

C



The two distinct regions of Daman and Diu are geographically separated by -

- A. Gulf of Khambhat
- B. Gulf of Kutch
- C. Gulf of Mannar
- D. Palk Bay

ANSWER

A



Located outside the Diu fort, these caves have an intricate network of tunnels and huge step-like structures:

- A. Badami Caves
- B. Borra Caves
- C. Elephanta Caves
- D. Nadia Caves

ANSWER

D



DAMAN AND DIU



The Diu coast has the memorial to which warship which is post-Independence Indian navy's only warship to be lost in war?

- A. INS Sindhuraj
- B. INS Khukri
- C. INS Kalinga
- D. INS Vishwakarma

ANSWER

B



What is the name of the man made Lake Garden which serves as a popular tourist attraction in Daman?

- A. Nutan
- B. Nirmal
- C. Mughal
- D. Mirasol

ANSWER

D

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DELHI

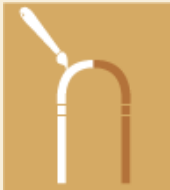


This cartoonist began his career with the Hindi newspaper Milaap in Delhi, and went on to create his own comic book features with characters such as Shrimatiji, Pinky & Chacha Choudhury. He was called the Walt Disney of India and is widely credited for popularizing comics in the country. Name this cartoonist.

- A. Anant Pai
- B. RK Laxman
- C. Mario Miranda
- D. Pran Kumar Sharma

ANSWER

D



This UNESCO World Heritage site was considered to be the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent. Name the tomb.

- A. Safdarjung Tomb
- B. Sikander Lodhi's Tomb
- C. Humayun's Tomb
- D. Isa Khan's tomb

ANSWER

C



Moti Mahal Delux was founded by Kundan Lal Gujral, who migrated to Delhi after the partition of India in 1947. He is credited with the invention of many dishes. Name the dish which was NOT created by him:

- A. Butter Chicken
- B. Tandoori Chicken
- C. Dal Makhani
- D. Doner Kebab

ANSWER

D



With its headquarters in Delhi, which of the following organisation has the motto 'Bahujan Hitaya Bahujan Sukhaya'?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Indian Postal Service
- C. Central Reserve Police
- D. All India Radio

ANSWER

D



DELHI



Delhi is home to a Baha'i house of worship, which is notable for its architecture. Name this house of worship.

- A. Yogmaya temple
- B. ISKCON temple
- C. Birla Temple
- D. Lotus Temple

ANSWER

D



Madhubala was a cinematic and fashion icon. One the costumes worn by her on screen character sparked a trend of frock style tops worn till today. Name the character.

- A. Padmavati
- B. Lakshmibai
- C. Anarkali
- D. Nur Jahan

ANSWER

C



Whose autobiography is titled Truth, Love and a Little Malice?

- A. Salman Rushdie
- B. Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- C. Amish Tripathi
- D. Khushwant Singh

ANSWER

D

Write your own questions in the space provided !



LAKSHADWEEP



Lakshadweep comes under the jurisdiction of which state high court in India?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Goa

ANSWER

A



How many coral islands form the Lakshadweep union territory?

- A. 35
- B. 28
- C. 40
- D. 36

ANSWER

D



What is the capital of Lakshadweep?

- A. Amini
- B. Kavaratti
- C. Bitra
- D. Cora Divh

ANSWER

B



What is the largest city in Lakshadweep?

- A. Amini
- B. Kavaratti
- C. Andrott
- D. Bitra

ANSWER

C



LAKSHADWEEP



What natural history feature does Lakshadweep have?

- A. absence of venomous snakes
- B. absence of rats
- C. absence of cats
- D. absence of cows

ANSWER

A



What is the only commercial crop of the Lakshadweep Islands?

- A. Rice
- B. Jute
- C. Coconut
- D. Cotton

ANSWER

C

Write your own questions in the space provided !



PUDUCHERRY



Puducherry is formed out of four exclaves of former French India. One of them is Yanam. What is the state that surrounds this district?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER

A



After which philosopher was the International Study Centre and Township in Puducherry named?

- A. Sri Aurobindo
- B. Swami Vivekananda
- C. Swami Dayananda
- D. Raja Ram Mohan Roy

ANSWER

A



Puducherry was a French colony but prior to the French another European country tried to colonize it. Which country was it?

- A. England
- B. Portugal
- C. The Netherlands
- D. Denmark

ANSWER

C



Puducherry lies in the drainage basin of which river?

- A. Kaveri
- B. Godavari
- C. Gingee
- D. Nagavalli

ANSWER

C



PUDUCHERRY



Puducherry is unique among all the union territories politically by -

- A. Having its own legislature
- B. Having its own High Court
- C. Having independent tax laws
- D. Having no Panchayat system

ANSWER

A



What is the main and only big lake situated in Puducherry?

- A. Kalyana
- B. Oustery
- C. Chilka
- D. Anuj

ANSWER

B

Write your own questions in the space provided !



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