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1 Consider the following statements related to the development Chaityas and Viharas , consider the following statements:

1. Chaitya and vihara were part of both the Buddhist and Jaina monastic complexes.
2. Rock- cut Chaitya and Viharas originated under Mauryas.

Which of the statements given above is correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements regarding trade and economy during the Gupta period: 1. The Guptas issued the largest number of gold coins in ancient India.

2. Gupta period saw an increase in long - distance trade.
3. This period witnessed the emergence of a class of priestly landlords.

Which of the statements given above is correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

3. Consider the following pairs:

Rulers	Origin
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1. Cheras : Tamilakam
2. Shakas : Central Asia
3. Kushana : Western India

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

4 . Arrange the following components of

temple architecture in the correct sequence while entering a Nagara Style temple.

1. Garbhagriha
2. Mandapa
3. Antarala

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1-2-3
- (b) 2-3-1
- (c) 1-3-2
- (d) 3-2-1

5. In the context of the raw materials procured for craft production from various places during the Harappan period, consider the following pairs:

Raw Material	Place
1. Copper	: Gujarat
2. Lapis Lazuli	: Afghanistan
3. Steatite	: an Iran
4. Carnelian	: Gujarat

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1 and 4 only

6. On Bhakti movement in South India , consider the following statements

- 1 . Nayanars were leaders who were devotees of Shiva.
2. Nalayira Divyaprabandham was one of the major anthologies of compositions by the Alvars.

Which of the statements given above is correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

1. From the following statements with regarding to pre-historic rock paintings:
1. In India, from the Lower Paleolithic stage the earliest paintings have been reported .
 2. During the Upper Paleolithic period the themes were multiple but the paintings were smaller in size with more hunting scenes.
 3. The paintings of the Mesolithic phase were linear representations of huge animals and stick-like human figures.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) None

7. With reference to the Cholas, consider the following statements:

1. Vijayalaya was the founder of the Chola empire.
2. Chola kings were famous for their naval power.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

8. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the agricultural practices of Indus valley civilization?

1. The Indus people harvested wheat, barley, rai, peas, rice and mustard.
2. Bronze tools were used to plough fields and as sickles to harvest the crops.
3. Cotton was also produced during this phase.
4. Ragi was grown extensively in Daulatpur and Mitthal in Haryana and Hulas in Uttar Pradesh.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only

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- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) None

10. Which of the following factors were responsible for Magadha to emerge as the most powerful of the sixteen mahajanapadas?

1. Presence of iron mines which provided resources for tools and weapons.
2. Elephants were an important component of the Magadhan arm.
3. Ambitious kings and ministers such as Bimbisara , Ajatasatru , and Mahapadma Nanda.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only

11. Consider the following statements:

1. The caves at Barabar hills were patronized by Chandragupta Maurya for the Ajivika sect.
2. The facade of the caves at Barabar hills is decorated with the semicircular chaitya arch as the entrance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

12. Which of the statements is not correct regarding the Chalcolithic period?

- (a) Copper and stone objects were prevalent during this period.
- (b) Beads of semi - precious stones such as steatite , quartz crystal and carnelian were manufactured during this period.
- (c) The people of the Chalcolithic period were well acquainted with the manufacture of cloth.
- (d) Painted Grey Ware pottery was the most commonly used type of pottery.

13. With reference to medieval Sultans in India, consider the following statements:

1. Balban introduced the system of branding horses in his military.
2. Alauddin Khalji introduced the system of 'chehra' or facial recognition in his military.
3. Firoz Tughlaq set up a separate department of slaves.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

14. In the context of Ancient India, 'Kumaramatyas' and 'Ayuktas' were

- (a) administrative officials in the Mauryan court.
- (b) provincial units in the Gupta Empire.
- (c) provincial administrators appointed in the Gupta empire.
- (d) officers in-charge of revenue administration in the Chola Period.

15. Which of the following statements is *not* correct in the context of social and educational reforms introduced by the Mughal emperor Akbar?

- (a) Akbar issued a blanket ban on Sati.
- (b) He legalised widow remarriages.
- (c) He raised the age of marriage to 14 for girls and 16 for boys.
- (d) He revised the educational syllabus laying emphasis on secular subjects like mathematics and moral sciences.

16. With reference to the history of India, Lopamudra, Maitreyi, and Apala were:

- (a) Women rulers of ancient India.
- (b) Female deities of Rig Vedic period.
- (c) Women poets and writers.
- (d) Buddhist female nuns.

17. Consider the following pairs:

Sacrifice

Meaning

1. Rajasuya : Supposed to confer supreme power on King
2. Vajapeya : Unquestioned control over area on which royal horse ran uninterrupted
3. Ashvamedha : Chariot race in which royal chariot was made to win the race against his kinsmen

Which of the pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 only

18. Recently seen in news RAMP (Reserve Advisory and Management Partnership) Program is related to:

- (a) It is an initiative of Ministry of Finance, Government of India to support Micro Finance Institutions.
- (b) It is an initiative of the WHO to globally counter pandemics.
- (c) It is a UNDP initiative designed for African and Sub Saharan nations for financing Ebola crisis.
- (d) It is a World Bank initiative to support the MSME sector in India.

19. Consider the following statements with respect to Sangam literature:

1. Sangam texts were predominantly secular in nature.
2. Sangam poems describe the military exploits of the kings and chiefs.
3. Sangam literature provides information about trade with Yavanas (foreigners).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

20. The terms *akam* and *puram* refer to types of

- (a) taxes levied in the Vijayanagara kingdom.

- (b) fertile land during the Gupta period.
- (c) poems in the Tamil language.
- (d) celestial forces described by Aryabhata.

21. Recently seen in the news, E-100 project is related to:

- (a) production and distribution of ethanol across India.
- (b) production of electric vehicles by DRDO.
- (c) European Union's proposal to provide COVID-19 vaccines to one hundred nations.
- (d) project of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for recycling of e-waste.

22. It is a classical solo dance form ideally suited for performance by women. It is characterized by graceful, swaying body movements with no abrupt jerks which are borrowed from various folk dances like Kaikottikali.

Which of the following dance forms is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Kuchipudi
- (b) Mohiniyattam
- (c) Kathakali
- (d) Bharatnatyam

23. CAR-T (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell) therapy, sometimes seen in the news, is a:

- (a) therapy applied in China for genetic modification of animals.
- (b) scientific advancement used for mRNA based vaccines.
- (c) therapy to treat acute lymphocytic leukemia.
- (d) therapy against formation of black fungus in CoVid-19 recovered patients.

24. Consider the following statements regarding the Jataka stories of Buddhism:

1. Events from previous lives of Buddha are depicted in these stories.
2. They are depicted on the railings and torana of the stupas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

25. Which of the following factors contributed to the rise and growth of the Gupta Empire?

1. Strong army with excellent use of horses.
2. Fertile and iron-rich hinterland
3. Proximity to areas of the silk trade

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

26. '*Pung Choloms*' and '*Kartal Choloms*' are the essential musical instruments used in which of the following performing arts?

- (a) Odissi
- (b) Bhavai
- (c) Manipuri Sankirtana
- (d) Kuchipudi

27. With reference to the recently launched SAGE portal, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to provide one-stop access to elderly care products and services by credible startups.
2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

28. *PRANA*, *SVASTA*, *VaU*, recently seen in the news, are:

- (a) vaccine aid from India to African nations.
- (b) missions of Indian Airforce to manage oxygen supply.
- (c) air pollution control initiatives of Central Pollution Control Board.
- (d) ventilator models developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.

29. Which of the following types of villages were found during the ancient period in South India?

1. Ur
2. Sabha
3. Nagaram

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only

30. Consider the following statements regarding the Vaisesika school of philosophy:

1. It is based on the atomic theory.
2. It held that soul was wholly different from the cosmos.
3. It is in general agreement with the entire metaphysical position of the Samkhya.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

31. Which of the following musical forms are associated with Carnatic Music?

1. Tillana
2. Tappa
3. Tanam

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

32. Which of the following temples forms the part of the temple complex at Mahabalipuram?

1. Shore temple
2. Ganesh Rath temple
3. Lad Khan temple

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

33. In the context of the history of India, consider the following pairs:

<i>Term</i>	<i>Description</i>
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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Muvendavelan | : a peasant serving three kings |
| 2. Mahattara | : village headman |
| 3. Antahpur | : the royal household |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

34. With reference to Kathak dance, consider the following statements:

1. It was introduced by Sankaradeva as a medium for the propagation of the Vaishnava faith.
2. It is the only form of classical dance associated with Hindustani music.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

35. Which of the following rulers assumed the title of Vatapikonda?

- (a) Simhavarman
- (b) Mayurasharman
- (c) Narasimhavarman I
- (d) Vikramaditya II

36. He defeated king Harshavardhan on the banks of Narmada. He patronized several scholars, including Ravikirti, who composed his Aihole inscription. He subjugated the Kadamba capital at Banavasi and compelled the Gangas of Mysore to acknowledge his suzerainty.

Which of the following rulers is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Chandragupta II
- (b) Kharavela
- (c) Pulakeshin II
- (d) Kirtivarman II

37. With reference to the Chishti order of Sufi saints in India, consider the following statements:

1. Despite preaching austerity, Chishti tradition was not isolated from political power.
2. Auqaf were charitable trusts set up by Sultans as endowments for hospices.
3. The Chishtis accepted donations in cash and kind.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

38. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Theatre Form</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Bhavai	: Gujarat
2. Maach	: Madhya Pradesh
3. Krishnattam	: Uttar Pradesh

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

39. With reference to the La Perouse naval exercise, consider the following statements:

1. The naval exercise was hosted by France in the Bay of Bengal.
2. In 2021, all members of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue were participants in the exercise.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

40. Consider the following statements regarding the economic conditions in India during the Early Medieval Period:

1. Trade with South-East Asia and China declined during this period.
2. There was an increase in the circulation of gold and silver coins.
3. There was a steady decline in the towns during this period.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

41. With reference to the Pallavas, consider the following statements:

1. Pallavas established their kingdom in southern India with Kanchipuram as the capital.
2. Kadambas and Chalukyas of Badami were contemporaries of the Pallavas.
3. All charter of land grants given by the Pallavas to the Brahmanas were recorded on copper plates in Sanskrit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

42. To help out horticulturists who face crop damage due to hailstorms, the Himachal Pradesh government is testing the use of indigenously developed 'anti-hail guns'. In this context, which of the following statements is correct regarding Anti-Hail Guns?

- (a) They release shock waves to stop water droplets in clouds from turning into hailstones.
- (b) They convert the water droplets in the clouds into small snowflakes.
- (c) They deploy a technique of cloud seeding to prevent the formation water droplets in the clouds.
- (d) They are fired once in 24 hours during a thunderstorm to prevent the formation of clouds.

43. With reference to Virshaiva tradition in Karnataka, consider the following statements:

- 1. The followers of this tradition wear a small linga (symbolic of Shiva) in a silver case on a loop strung over the left shoulder.
- 2. They believe that on death the devotee is united with Shiva and does not return to this world.
- 3. They do not practice funerary rites such as cremation but instead ceremonially bury their dead.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

44. Consider the following statements regarding crafts during the Post-Mauryan age (200 B.C.- 300 A.D):

- 1. Shataka was a special type of cloth manufactured in Mathura.
- 2. Coin-minting was an important craft and minting of fake Roman coins was also prevalent.
- 3. Terracotta manufacturing was prevalent in the Kushan and Satavahana sites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

45. With reference to the Maratha revenue assessment system, consider the following statements:

- 1. Chauth was a tax nominally levied at one-fourth of total revenue.
- 2. Sardeshmukhi was an additional levy of ten percent on those lands which the Marathas claimed hereditary rights.
- 3. Both taxes were collected in the Maratha Kingdom only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

46. With reference to Jainism philosophy, consider the following statements:

- 1. While Jainism recognizes the existence of gods, it places them lower than Jina.
- 2. Right knowledge, action, and faith are considered to be the three gems or ratnas of Jainism.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

47. With reference to folk traditions of India, consider the following pairs:

<i>Folk Music</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Chhakri	: Punjab
2. Burrakatha	: Andhra Pradesh
3. Daskathia	: Karnataka

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) None

48. Consider the following statements regarding Kathputli, the puppetry prevalent in Rajasthan:

- 1. Round faces, small eyes, and thin lips are some of the distinct facial features of Kathputli puppets.
- 2. Kathputli puppets wear long trailing skirts and do not have legs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

49. Recently seen in the news, Operation Pangea XIV is related to:

- (a) Study of Indian drift from Gondwanaland.
- (b) Initiative of INTERPOL against sale of fake medicines.
- (c) WHO's initiative for global supply of Covid vaccines.
- (d) Initiative of FATF to curb the menace of terror funding.

50. With reference to the Vijayanagar empire, consider the following statements:

- 1. The empire consisted of seven lines of forts which encircled not only the city but also its agricultural hinterland and forests.
- 2. No mortar or cementing agent was employed anywhere in the construction of walls.
- 3. Water tanks and canals were a striking feature of the empire.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

51. Which of the following countries are signatories to the Treaty on Open Skies?

- 1. United States of America
- 2. India
- 3. Canada
- 4. Germany
- 5. Russia

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- (b) 2 and 5 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 3, 4 and 5 only

52. Which of the following statements are correct with respect to the Paleolithic Age?

1. The Paleolithic culture of India developed in the Pleistocene period of the Ice Age.
2. The characteristic tools of the Paleolithic Age were flakes and microliths.
3. The Paleolithic sites are found in hilly slopes and river valleys of the country and are absent in the alluvial plains of the Indus and the Ganga.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

53. With reference to chronicles commissioned by Mughal Emperors, consider the following statements:

1. Razmnama was the Persian version of Mahabharata.
2. The center of manuscript production was known as 'Kitab khana'.
3. All books in Mughal India were handwritten.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

54. With reference to Indus valley civilization, the *lost wax technique* was prominently used in

- (a) Paintings
- (b) Sculptures
- (c) Ornaments
- (d) Pottery

55. What is a "Lynetteholmen", a term recently seen in the news?

- (a) It is a technology used in Tesla electric cars for effective vehicle charging.
- (b) It is an artificial Island to protect Copenhagen's harbour waters from rising sea levels.
- (c) It is an initiative of European Union to legalise cryptocurrency.
- (d) It is a species of a green lizard recently discovered in Assam.

56. Which of the following Harappan cities are located in India?

1. Rangpur
2. Rojdi
3. Chanhudaro
4. Surkotada
5. Sutkagendor

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- (b) 3, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (d) 2, 3 and 5 only

57. Consider the following passage:

This shadow puppetry uses puppets that are large in size and have a jointed waist, shoulders, elbows, and knees. The puppets are coloured on both sides as a result of which they cast coloured shadows on the screen. The music is mainly classical music and the themes of the puppet plays are drawn from epics like Ramayana. It is mainly prevalent in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Which of the following forms of puppetry is being described in the passage given above?

- (a) Bommalattam
- (b) Tholu Bommalata
- (c) Yampuri
- (d) Pavakoothu

58. Which of the following schools does *not* belong to the orthodox philosophical schools of India?
- Yoga
 - Nyaya
 - Vaisheshika
 - Ajivika
59. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the social conditions during the Gupta period?
- The caste system became rigid during the Gupta period.
 - Women and Shudras were allowed to listen to religious texts.
 - Women of upper varna were free to earn their livelihood.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
60. In the context of the Mauryan period, *Pativedakas* were
- officers in charge of propagation of Ashoka's Dhamma.
 - officers for the interpretations of laws.
 - court poets of Ashoka.
 - officers responsible to report about the affairs of the people.
61. It is a prominent Jain shrine housing the world's tallest monolithic free-standing structure. It was commissioned by Chamundaraya, the General-in-Chief and Prime Minister of the Ganga Kings of Mysore.
- Which of the following religious site is being described in the above passage?
- Dilwara
 - Pavapuri
 - Sravana Belagola
 - Khajuraho
62. They are long, horizontal, cloth scrolls painted to honour folk deities of pastoral communities inhabiting the region around Bhilwara in Rajasthan. They have traditionally been painted by a caste called 'Joshis' who have been painters in the courts of the kings of Rajasthan.
- Which of the following paint art is being described in the above passage?
- Phad paintings
 - Basohli painting
 - Puri Patas
 - Pithoro painting
63. With reference to administrative setup during the Sultanate period, consider the following statements:
- Ariz-i-mamalik was the head of the military department and the commander-in-chief of the army.
 - Diwan-i-Insha dealt with all correspondence –formal or confidential - of the state.
 - The main responsibility of Barid was to gather intelligence for the rulers.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 2 and 3 only
64. Consider the following passage:
- This traditional theatre art has evolved from folk forms such as Gondhal, Jagran, and Kirtan. In this female actress known as Murki is the chief exponent of dance movements in the play. Emotions are displayed through dance with a combination of classical music, nimble footwork, and lucid gestures.*
- Which of the following theatre art is being described in the passage given above?
- Bhaona
 - Tamasha
 - Dashavatar
 - Therukoothu

65. With reference to Greek and Roman accounts of the first and second century A.D., consider the following statements:

1. Ptolemy's *Geography*, written in Greek gives valuable data on India's geography and commerce.
2. Pliny's *Naturalis Historia*, written in Latin gives valuable data on trade between India and Italy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

66. These are miniature paintings belonging to the first half of the 16th century. They include illustrations of the 'Chaurapanchasika' - "Fifty Verses of the Thief by Bilhan. The style of the painting is purely indigenous derived from the earlier tradition of the Western Indian art and does not show any influence of either the Persian or the Mughal style of painting.

Which of the following paintings is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Guler portraits
- (b) Kulhadar Group
- (c) Pala miniatures
- (d) Rasamanjari miniatures

67. AmbiTag recently seen in the news is:

- (a) Tag used on commercial vehicles for toll fee on National Highways.
- (b) Tag used by FSSAI to mark organic products.
- (c) India's first indigenous temperature data logger for cold chain management.
- (d) Tag given by credit rating agencies to debt instruments.

68. By the Twelfth century, A.D. Buddhism became practically extinct in India. Which of the following are the reasons behind its decline?

1. It embraced the ways of Brahmanism against which it had fought in the beginning.
2. Monks gave up the Pali language and adopted Sanskrit, the language of intellectuals.
3. The enormous wealth of the monasteries with women living in them led to degeneration.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

69. Consider the following statements with respect to the Harappan seals:

1. The Harappan Seals were mostly made of Steatite.
2. The most frequent animals used on seals were a one-horned bull, the buffalo, the tiger, the rhinoceros.
3. Every seal is engraved in a pictographic script.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 only
- (d) 3 only

70. With reference to Sufi tradition in India, consider the following pairs:

Terminology	Meaning
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|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Ziyarat | : Pilgrimage to tomb-shrine of master |
| 2. Murid | : Disciples of shaikh |
| 3. Khanqa | : Community hospice |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

71. With reference to the Vijaynagar empire, consider the following pairs:

Terminology	Meaning
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| 1. Kudirai Chetti | : Horse merchants |
| 2. Amar Nayaka | : Military commanders who were given territories to govern |
| 3. Raya | : Title adopted by rulers of the Vijaynagar Empire |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

72. In the context of medieval history of India, the term *Kornish* is a:

- (a) form of ceremonial salutation.
- (b) robe of honour.
- (c) building plan of architects.
- (d) form of headgear used by Mughal emperors.

73. The World Migration Report is published by:

- (a) United Nations Development Programme
- (b) International Organization for Migration
- (c) Global Migration Group
- (d) Overseas Development Institute

74. Which of the following are the contributions of ancient Indians in the field of mathematics and astronomy?

- 1. Adoption of Indian numeral system by the Arabs.
- 2. First use of decimal system by Indians.
- 3. Discovery of cause of solar and lunar eclipse.

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

75. With reference to the medieval history of India, the terms '*Dahsala*', '*Batai*' and '*Nasaq*' are related to:

- (a) branding of horses with imperial marks.
- (b) rituals conducted during coronation of a new king.
- (c) administrative posts during rule of Tughlaq dynasty.
- (d) land revenue systems during Akbar's reign.

76. Consider the following sites:

- 1. Kandhar
- 2. Manshera
- 3. Kalsi
- 4. Meerut

Which of the places above were the sites where major rock edicts of the Ashokan period are found?

- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

77. Consider the following statements regarding the Western Ganga rulers:
1. They were contemporary of Satavahanas.
 2. They ruled in the Southern Karnataka region.
 3. They made land grants mostly to the Jainas.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
78. Which of the following strategies were used in the post-Mauryan period to increase agricultural production?
1. Shift to plough agriculture
 2. Introduction of paddy transplantation
 3. Use of irrigation through wells and tanks
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
79. With reference to Guru Nanak, consider the following statements:
1. He advocated a form of nirguna bhakti.
 2. He rejected the ritualistic practices of both Hindus and Muslims.
 3. He was a contemporary of Babur and Ibrahim Lodhi.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only

80. In the context of cultural history of India, consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Text</i> | <i>Author</i> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Meghaduta | : Banbhattacha |
| 2. Abhijnanashakuntlam | : Kalidasa |
| 3. Amarakosa | : Amarashimha |
- Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
81. With reference to the Tamil Sangam age, the term 'Puranaruru' refers to
- (a) Land grants to priests
 - (b) Anthology of poems
 - (c) Irrigation Canals
 - (d) burials of the ancestors
82. Consider the following statements in the context of BITCOIN:
1. BITCOIN is the world's largest cryptocurrency by market value.
 2. United States of America is the first country to approve BITCOIN as a legal tender.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
83. Consider the following statements regarding the Battle of Tarain (1191-1192):
1. It was fought between Muhammad Ghori and a confederacy under Prithviraj Chauhan.
 2. It led to the establishment of Turkish rule in India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

84. Who among the following were regarded as 'king makers' in the Mughal politics of 18th century?

1. Hussain Khan
2. Abdullah Khan
3. Sayyid Ahmad Khan

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only

85. “This Moroccan traveler was born in Tangier and traveled to India in the fourteenth century. The then Sultan, Muhammad bin Tughlaq, appointed him as qazi of Delhi. His account is often compared with that of Marco Polo, as both visited China. He also wrote a book of travels in Arabic called ‘Rihla’.”

Which of the following travelers is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Ibn Battuta
- (b) Al-Baruni
- (c) Abdur Razzaq Samarqandi
- (d) Nicolo Conti

86. Consider the following:

1. Chimta
2. Manjeeras
3. Kirla
4. Been
5. Veena

Which of the above-mentioned musical instruments are classified as percussion instruments?

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (b) 2 and 4 only
- (c) 3, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

87. He established authority in north-western India and in Bengal. He adopted the title of Vikramaditya. His court was adorned by numerous scholars including Kalidasa. Chinese pilgrim Fa-Hsien visited India during his reign.

The above passage best describes which of the following rulers?

- (a) Chandragupta I
- (b) Chandragupta II
- (c) Samudragupta
- (d) Skandagupta

88. Which of the following Mughal emperors was responsible for establishing an entire department of paintings for the first time?

- (a) Humayun
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Jahangir
- (d) Shahjahan

89. Consider the following statements regarding Koodiyaattam:

1. It is solely based on Tamil theatre traditions.
2. Unique feature of this theatre form is its emphasis on hand gestures and eye movements during dance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

90. Navroz festival related to:

- (a) Islam
- (b) Zoroastrianism
- (c) Christianity
- (d) Jainism

91. Which of the following statements are correct in the context of ancient Indian languages and scripts?

1. The Kharoshthi script was written from right to left.
2. The Brahmi script was deciphered by James Prinsep.
3. Brahmi was the main script till the end of Gupta times.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

92. Recently seen in the news, "SWASTIIK" Technology, is related to:

- (a) disinfection of water using natural oils and plants extracts.
- (b) ayurvedic based treatment for SARS-CoV-2.
- (c) technology used for fortification of rice.
- (d) technology used by ISRO for development of cryogenic engines.

93. Which of the following architectural characteristics was/were commonly found in small and large cities of Indus valley civilization?

1. Well developed drainage system
2. Grid settlements
3. Use of bricks
4. Great Bath

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

94. Consider the following statements with reference to the Neolithic age:

1. The people of this age used tools and implements of polished stone.
2. They were the earliest farming communities.
3. They domesticated cattle, sheep and goats.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

95. Which of the following statements is correct in the context of the CEO Water Mandate?

- (a) NTPC Ltd is the first Indian signatory to the initiative.
- (b) It is an initiative of the UN Global Compact in partnership with the Pacific Institute.
- (c) The entities who have signed the mandate can never be de-listed from the initiative.
- (d) Only lawfully established public enterprises can endorse the CEO Water Mandate.

96. Which of the following are the important dynasties that emerged as a result of the decline of the Gupta empire?

1. Maukharis
2. Pushyabhutis
3. Maitrakas

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

97. Which among the following foreign travellers did **not** visit the Vijayanagara empire?

- (a) Niccolo di Conti
- (b) Abd al-Razzaq
- (c) Fernao nuniz
- (d) Megasthenes

98. Krishna III invaded North India in 963 AD and defeated the Pratihara ruler. To which of the following dynasties did Krishna III belong?

- (a) Pala
- (b) Rashtrakuta
- (c) Pallava
- (d) Chola

99. Consider the following statements with respect to the Rig Vedic polity:

- 1. The king's post became hereditary and he exercised unlimited power over the tribal assembly.
- 2. Women were allowed to attend tribal assemblies of sabha and vidatha.
- 3. The most important functionary in day-to-day administration was purohita who was responsible for the collection of taxes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

100. Which of the following were the features of the sixteen mahajanpadas?

- 1. Each Mahajanpada had a capital city.
- 2. All the mahajanpadas were monarchies and ruled by kings.
- 3. Some Mahajanpadas acquired standing armies and maintained regular bureaucracies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only