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1. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan technology and crafts:
1. Harappans used only iron to make weapons.
  2. Harappans practiced boatmaking.
  3. Harappans were aware of potter's wheel.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
2. Madanna and Akhanna, the two brothers and prominent statesmen during the seventeenth century rose to prominence under the
- (a) Bijapur Sultanate  
(b) Golconda Sultanate  
(c) Nizam Shahi of Ahmednagar  
(d) Maratha Kingdom
3. In the context of ancient India, which of the following books talk about India?
1. The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea
  2. Ptolemy's Geography
  3. Pliny's Naturalis Historia
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
4. Consider the following statements regarding the Dhrupad genre of Hindusthani classical music:
1. Man Singh Tomar, the Maharaja of Gwalior mainly responsible for the popularity of dhrupad.
  2. Tansen, who was in Akbar's court, is a significant dhrupad singer.
- 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
5. With reference to the Vaisheshika philosophical system, consider the following statements:
1. It declares that salvation depends on fully recognizing the atomic nature of the universe and its difference from the soul.
  2. It classifies objects strictly under three elements - land, water, and air.
- 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
6. Consider the following statements regarding Satavahanas:
1. The Satavahanas started the practice of granting tax-free villages to Brahmanas.
  2. The official language of the Satavahanas was Prakrit.
  3. They issued mostly coins of gold.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
7. With reference to the later Vedic period, which of the following statements is **not** correct?
- (a) King maintained a standing army.  
(b) The society came to be divided into four varnas.  
(c) The grant of land as sacrificial fee is not well established in the later Vedic period.  
(d) Sacrifices and performing rituals became dominant mode of worshipping the gods.

8. Consider the following statements with regard to the state of agricultural system in the Mauryan period:

1. The Mauryan state provided irrigation facilities and regulated water supply.
2. The Mauryan state employed slaves in agriculture.
3. To bring the virgin soil under cultivation, the new peasants were allowed remission in tax and supplied with cattle, seeds and money.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. With reference to the Gupta period, who among the following were the court scholars/poets of Chandragupta II?

1. Ravikirti
2. Amarasimha
3. Kalidasa

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

10. Consider the following statements regarding Jainism:

1. It denied the existence of gods.
2. Unlike Buddhism, it condemned the Varna system.
3. It mainly aims at the attainment of freedom from worldly bonds.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Consider the following statements regarding the Rig Vedic period:

1. Women slaves were prevalent during the Rig Vedic period.
2. Land was a well-established property during the Rig Vedic age.
3. Child marriage was widely prevalent during the Rig Vedic age.

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

12. Sensuous and lyrical, this dance form is a dance of love and passion touching on the divine and the human, the sublime and the mundane. It is a highly stylised dance and to some extent is based on the classical Natya Shastra and the Abhinaya Darpana. The techniques of movement are built around the two basic postures of the Chowk and the Tribhanga. The torso movement is very important and is an unique feature of this dance form.

Which of the following dance form is best described by the above passage?

- (a) Kathak
- (b) Bharatnatyam
- (c) Odissi
- (d) Sattriya

13. Consider the following statements about satellite internet or space-based internet:

1. Satellites for space-based internet can be put in both Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and Geostationary Orbit.
2. Unlike DTH broadcasting, it is a two-way communication.
3. Starlink is an example of a Geostationary satellite-based internet.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**14.** Consider the following statements with respect to the Ancient Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act of 1958:

1. The act regulates the archeological excavation and looks into the preservation of sculptures and carvings.
2. According to the AMASR Act of 1958, Archeological Site means any area which contains ruins and relics of historical or archeological importance which have been in existence for not less than 1000 years.
3. The recent Amendment to the act gives state governments the power to extend the area beyond 100 meters around protected areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**15.** Consider the following statements regarding Harappan civilization:

1. Harappans worshipped goddesses such as Durga, Amba, Kali.
2. Harappans practised phallu worship.

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

**16.** Which one of the following philosophical systems believes only in materialism?

- (a) Samkhya
- (b) Lokayata
- (c) Vaishesika
- (d) Mimamsa

**17.** In the context of ancient India, the terms *bhuktis*, *vishayas* and *vithis* refer to

- (a) coins
- (b) administrative divisions
- (c) administrative officials
- (d) books

**18.** With reference to the Mansabdari system during the Mughal rule, consider the following statements:

1. It was established by Babur after his victory in the first battle of Panipat.
2. Under this system, the Mansabdars were supposed to maintain their own military force.
3. The salaries of the Mansabdars were stated in rupees and paid by assigning them jagirs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**19.** The term "Startup20 Engagement group (SUMup)" is often seen in news in the context of:

- (a) BRICS
- (b) World Bank
- (c) OECD
- (d) G20

20. Consider the following statements regarding particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs):

1. On the recommendation of Xaxa Committee, the government identified the most vulnerable groups as PVTGs.
2. The criteria for identification of PVTGs include a declining or stagnant population and pre-agriculture level of technology.
3. Kathodi, Jarawas, and Koraga are examples of PVTGs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21. With reference to the history of India, the terms "khud-kashta" and "pahi-kashta" were used for

- (a) warriors
- (b) traders
- (c) weavers
- (d) peasants

22. Consider the following statements regarding Rudradaman I:

1. He took measures to improve the Sudarsana lake in the semi-arid zone of Kathiawar.
2. He issued the first-ever long inscription in chaste Sanskrit.
3. It was during his reign that Saint Thomas is said to have come to India for the propagation of Christianity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following pairs:

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- |                  |   |                        |
|------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1. Vishakhadatta | : | Mudrarakshasha         |
| 2. Banabhatta    | : | Harshacharita          |
| 3. Bilhana       | : | Vikramankadeva-charita |

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

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

24. In the context of prehistoric period of India, pit dwellings were mainly associated with

- (a) Maski
- (b) Burzahom
- (c) Piklihal
- (d) Mirzapur

25. Recently, India has called upon G20 countries to adopt multilateral action for faster extradition of fugitive economic offenders. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. The term 'fugitive economic offender' (FEO) is not defined under any statute in India.
2. The government of India can confiscate the properties of economic offenders who have left the country.

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

**26.** Consider the following statements regarding the legal system during the Gupta period:

1. Civil and criminal laws were clearly defined and demarcated during this period.
2. Laws were based on differences in varnas.
3. Guilds of artisans, merchants were governed by their own laws.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**27.** Which of the following statements correctly defines the term "Sealed Cover Jurisprudence"?

- (a) It is a practice used by the Supreme Court and High Courts for conveying their judgments on cases involving terrorists in sealed envelopes to ensure National Security.
- (b) It is a practice used by the Supreme Court and High Courts, for asking information from strategic agencies from abroad including the FBI, CIA, Mossad, and others.
- (c) It is a practice used by the Supreme Court and sometimes lower courts for asking for information from government agencies in sealed envelopes that can only be accessed by judges.
- (d) It is a practice used by the Supreme Court for delivering judgements in sealed envelopes in cases where judges themselves are involved.

**28.** With reference to different foreign personalities that visited the Mughal Empire, consider the following statements:

1. Antonio Monserrate was a Portuguese priest sent to the Mughal court to convert Akbar to Christianity.
2. François Bernier was a Frenchman who served as a physician to Prince Dara Shikoh.
3. Sir Thomas Roe was an English Diplomat who visited Emperor Shah Jahan's court to obtain trading rights for the British East India Company.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**29.** With reference to the Virashaiva tradition, consider the following statements:

1. Its founder Basavanna was a contemporary of the Sufi saint Shaikh Nizamuddin Auliya.
2. The tradition believes that every devotee has to go through multiple cycles of rebirth before he/she is united with Lord Shiva.
3. Virashaivism did not advocate the worship of idols.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**30.** In the context of medieval India, Qarachil expedition was launched during which of the following rulers?

- (a) Muhammad bin Tughlaq
- (b) Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq
- (c) Qutubuddin Aibak
- (d) Ibrahim Lodi

31. Siksha (phonetics), Kalpa (rituals), Vyakarna (grammar), Nirukta (etymology), Chhanda (metrics), and Jyotisha (astronomy) are classified under which one of the following?
- Vedangas
  - Brahmanas
  - Aranyakas
  - Upanishads
32. Consider the following statements:
- Asthadhyayi was written by Patanjali.
  - Sarvavarman, a scholar of great repute, composed the grammar of Katantra.
  - Hala wrote a great poetical work Gathasaptasati in Sanskrit.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
33. The Sixth Assessment Report (AR6), sometimes seen in the news, is published by:
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
  - United Nations Environment Program
  - World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
  - NITI Aayog
34. Which of the following are the features of the Nagara style of temple architecture?
- An entire temple is built on a stone platform.
  - The temples have elaborate boundary walls.
  - The Garbhagriha is located under the tallest tower.
  - A large water reservoir is present in the temple complex.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 3 only
  - 1, 3 and 4 only
  - 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only

35. Consider the following statements with regard to the traditional theatre form Bhavai:
- The centers of this form are Kutch and Kathiawar.
  - Only tabla and flute are used as musical instruments in it.
  - There is a rare synthesis of devotional and romantic sentiments in this form.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 3 only
36. With the breakup of the Gujara-Pratihara empire, a number of Rajput states came into existence in north India, which of the following are Rajput dynasties?
- Gahadavalas of Kannauj
  - Parmar of Malwa
  - Chauhans of Ajmer
  - Kalachuris
  - Chandela of Bundelkhand
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 and 3 only
  - 3 and 5 only
  - 1, 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
37. Muzarians during the medieval period of Indian history were generally
- Village Headmen
  - Tenant farmers
  - Grain merchants
  - Landless labourers
38. Which of the following rulers is credited to be the founder of the Rashtrakuta dynasty?
- Dantidurga
  - Amoghvarsha
  - Krishna I
  - Vallabhraja



39. In the context of ancient history of India, *samaharta* refers to
- (a) spy
  - (b) tax assessment officer
  - (c) army commander
  - (d) village headman
40. Akbar divided the empire into twelve provinces called Subhas in 1580. With reference to this, which of the following officers were appointed by Akbar at the provincial level?
1. Amalguzar
  2. Bakhshi
  3. Faujdar
  4. Waqia-navis
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
  - (b) 1 and 2 only
  - (c) 2 and 4 only
  - (d) 1, 3 and 4 only
41. With reference to the Gol Gumbad of Bijapur, consider the following statements:
1. It is the mausoleum of Muhammad Adil Shah.
  2. The monument lacks walls and is both outwardly and inwardly circular.
- Which of the statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
42. Consider the following statements regarding Project ELLORA:-
1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Culture.
  2. It aims to bring 'rare' Indian languages online and preserve them.
- Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
43. In the context of Mahajanapadas of ancient India, which of the following factors were mainly responsible for the rise of Magadha empire?
1. Availability of iron mines
  2. Use of elephants in military
  3. Orthodox character of Magadhan society
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1 and 3 only
44. With reference to the cultural history of India, 'Arabesque' was
- (a) a form of artistic decoration.
  - (b) a form of Sufi song.
  - (c) a type of jewellery worn by aristocratic women during the Mughal period.
  - (d) a Mughal delicacy prepared during special occasions.
45. Which one of the following ancient works is **not** written by Kalidasa?
- (a) Kumarasambhavam
  - (b) Vikramorvasiyam
  - (c) Sishupalavadham
  - (d) Abhigyanashakuntalam
46. Consider the following statements regarding Rig Vedic period:
1. King's post was generally hereditary.
  2. The assemblies *Vidatha* and *Gana* were the most important from political point of view.
  3. The Rig Veda does not mention any officer for administering justice.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3



47. Which of the following is *not* musical form of Carnatic music?
- Gitam
  - Svarjati
  - Pada
  - Khayal
48. The art form deals with themes that narrate the social lifestyle and activities of village life in the Maharashtra region. Spiral formations of men and women and concentric circular designs in these paintings are symbolic of the Tarpa dance. They simply paint on mud and cow dung based surface, coated with geru (red mud) first and then with rice paste for the colour white. Salati grass or bamboo sticks are used in place of brush for painting. Which of the following is best described in the passage given above?
- Gond painting
  - Santhal Painting
  - Phad Painting
  - Warli Painting
49. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Painting school</i>     | <i>Region</i> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Cherial Scroll Painting | : Kerala      |
| 2. Madhubani Painting      | : Bihar       |
| 3. Patachitra Painting     | : Odisha      |
| 4. Picchvai Painting       | : Rajasthan   |
- Which of the pairs given above are correct?
- 1 and 3 only
  - 2 and 4 only
  - 2, 3 and 4 only
  - 1, 3 and 4 only
50. Recently Salal-Haimana area was reported to have huge resources of Lithium. It is located in which of the following regions of India?
- Arunachal Pradesh
  - Bundelkhand
  - Hyderabad
  - Jammu and Kashmir

51. Consider the following statements, with reference to the Vijayanagar Empire:
- The empire was founded by Harihara and Bukka.
  - The extent of the empire was limited to modern-day Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh only.
  - The rulers of the empire had friendly ties with the sultan of Madurai.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 3 only
  - 1 and 3 only
  - 1, 2 and 3
52. Consider the following statements with respect to "Organ-on-a-chip" technology:
- It is an integrated circuit that simulates the activities and physiological response of an organ.
  - It is entirely artificial and does not contain any human cells.
  - It can be used to replace animals for the testing of drugs.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 3 only
  - 1 and 2 only
  - 2 and 3 only
  - 1, 2, and 3
53. Krishnattam and Mudi yettu are theatres associated with which of the following states?
- Kerala
  - Tamil Nadu
  - Andhra Pradesh
  - Karnataka

- 54.** Consider the following statements about Yellowstone National Park:
1. It is considered to be the first national park in the world.
  2. It is situated east of the Mississippi River.
  3. It is home to grizzly bears and wolves
- Which of the above statements is/are **not** correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 3 only  
(d) 1 and 2 only
- 55.** With reference to the Mughal rule in India, consider the following statements:
1. The first Mughal invasion of Deccan happened during the reign of Akbar.
  2. The rebellion of Mahabat Khan which led to the arrest of the Mughal Emperor occurred during the reign of Jahangir.
  3. The Nizam Shahi state of Ahmednagar came to an end during the rule of Aurangzeb.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 3 only
- 56.** Mauryans in ancient India controlled numerous economic activities through an elaborate economic administration. In this context, in which of the following areas did the state maintained a monopoly?
1. Mining
  2. Sale of liquor
  3. Manufacture of arms
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 57.** In the context of ancient history, Buddhacharita and Saundarananda were written by
- (a) Banabhatta  
(b) Asvaghosha  
(c) Bhavabhuti  
(d) Vishakhadatta
- 58.** Consider the following statements regarding the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies (PACS):
1. They provide short-term, and medium-term agricultural loans to the farmers for various agricultural and farming activities.
  2. They constitute the lowest tier of the three tiers including State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs).
  3. They are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
- 59.** With reference to the history of medieval India, the terms 'Uluq' and 'Dawa' refer to types of
- (a) Slaves  
(b) Coins  
(c) Postal systems  
(d) Lands

60. Consider the following statements:
1. Vakataka bronze images show the influence of the Mathura style.
  2. The lost-wax technique of sculpture-making was introduced in India by the Cholas in the 1st century CE.
  3. The Gupta bronze sculptures were portable and carried by monks to different regions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. Arrange the following architectural features chronologically:

1. Virupaksha temple of Pattadakal
2. Sun temple at Konark
3. Lakshama Temple of Khajuraho
4. Sun temple at Modhera

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 2-1-3-4
- (b) 4-1-2-3
- (c) 1-3-4-2
- (d) 2-3-1-4

62. It is a classical dance form pertaining to Tamil Nadu in southern India. It has grown out of the art of dancers dedicated to temples and was earlier known as Sadir or Dasi Attam. It is the first of India's traditional dances to be refashioned as theatre art and to be exhibited widely both at home and abroad.

Which among the following dance form is being described in the above given passage?

- (a) Bharatanatyam
- (b) Kathakali
- (c) Manipuri
- (d) Kuchipudi

63. "Women, Business and the Law 2023 report", is released by:
- (a) World Economic Forum
  - (b) UN Women
  - (c) World Bank
  - (d) BRICS

64. His teachings were based on the Bhagavad Gita and the Bhagavata Purana. He emphasised the need for naam kirtan, the recitation of the names of the lord in congregations of pious devotees. He encouraged the establishment of satra or monasteries for the transmission of spiritual knowledge, and naam ghar or prayer halls. His major compositions include the Kirtana-ghosha.

Who among the following bhakti saints is described in the paragraph given above?

- (a) Baba Guru Nanak Dev
- (b) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
- (c) Tulsidas
- (d) Shankaradeva

65. He was a Afghan adventurer who is believed to have risen in the service of a Brahmana. He was the founder of the Bahmani Empire. Which of the following personalities has been referred to in the passage given above?

- (a) Krishna Devaraya
- (b) Hasan Gangu
- (c) Mahmud Gawan
- (d) Ibrahim Adil Shah

66. The Tungabhadra Doab is a region between the Tungabhadra and Krishna rivers. In this context, which of the following empires/dynasties controlled the Tungbhadra doab in various periods of time?

1. Western Chalukyas
2. Hoysalas
3. Rashtrakutas

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

67. Consider the following statements regarding The Ajanta and Ellora caves:
1. While the Ajanta caves have double-storeyed caves, the Ellora caves have unique three-storeyed caves.
  2. While the images of Padmapani and Vajrapani are present in Ajanta caves, they are absent in Ellora caves.
- 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
68. With reference to the Maratha administration under King Shivaji, consider the following pairs:
- | <b>Important<br/>functionaries</b> | <b>Their role/description</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Peshwa                          | : Commander in chief          |
| 2. Dabir                           | : Foreign Affairs             |
| 3. Mirasdars                       | : Loose auxiliaries           |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 1 and 2 only
69. With reference to the Firuz Shah Tughlaq, consider the following statements:
1. He transferred the capital from Delhi to Deogir.
  2. He introduced bronze token currency.
  3. He extended the principle of heredity to the army.
  4. During his reign, Jizyah became a separate tax.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 3 and 4 only

70. Consider the following pairs:
- | <b>Dynasty</b>         | <b>King</b>    |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Chola               | : Senguttuvan  |
| 2. Chera               | : Karikala     |
| 3. Chalukyas of Badami | : Pulakesin II |
- How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) None of the pairs
  - (b) Only one pair
  - (c) Only two pairs
  - (d) All three pairs
71. Which of the following statements is *not* true regarding the Kuchipudi danceform?
- (a) It grew as a product of Bhakti movement in Andhra Pradesh.
  - (b) Initially male only performed the dance but now female kuchipudi dancers also participate.
  - (c) A Kuchipudi recital is usually concluded with tarangam.
  - (d) Rukmini Devi Arundale was a prominent Indian dancer who patronized this dance form.
72. With reference to the Treaty of Purandar, consider the following statements:
1. It was concluded between Maratha king Shivaji and Raja Jai Singh of Amber.
  2. As per the provisions of the treaties the Marathas surrendered more than half their forts to the Mughals.
  3. The treaty granted a portion of Bijapur territory in Balaghat to the Marathas.
- 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

73. With reference to the Maratha Kingdom, consider the following statements:
1. Chauth was a levy imposed on the territories not directly controlled by the Marathas.
  2. Sardeshmukhi was a 25 percent levy imposed on the peasants as a matter of right by the Maratha king.
- 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
74. Consider the following statements regarding the Udaigiri-Khandagiri caves:
1. The caves have inscriptions of the Pala kings.
  2. According to the inscriptions, the caves were meant for Jain monks.
- 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
75. Which of the following is a campaign initiated by UNICEF in Rajasthan, which aims to cover *tankas*, the traditional rainwater harvesting system, in order to reduce the incidents of suicides in the state?
- (a) Jal Jeevan Abhiyan  
(b) Anmol Jeevan Abhiyan  
(c) Nirmal Jal Abhiyan  
(d) Vidyut Jal Abhiyan

76. Consider the following statements regarding Gupta period:
1. Chandalas appeared for the first time during this period.
  2. The castes proliferated into numerous subcastes during this period.
- 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
77. Consider the following statements regarding the reign of emperor Harshavardhana:
1. He made Kanauj the seat of his power.
  2. Land grants to priests were stopped during his reign.
  3. As per Hsuan Tsang, law and order was not well maintained during his reign.
- 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. Consider the following passage :
- This school of philosophy's name literally means the art of reasoning and interpretation. It provided reasoning for various Vedic rituals, and the attainment of salvation was made dependent on their performance. According to this school, the Vedas contain the eternal truth. The principal object of this philosophy was to acquire heaven and salvation. In order to attain salvation this school strongly recommended the performance of Vedic sacrifices, which needed the services of the priests and legitimized the social distance between various varnas.*
- Which of the following schools of philosophy is being described in the passage given above?
- (a) Sankhya  
(b) Mimamsa  
(c) Vedanta  
(d) Lokayata

**79.** Consider the following statement with reference to the market control and agrarian policy of Alauddin:

1. He fixed the cost of a wide range of commodities.
2. He set up a common market for all commodities.
3. He set up warehouses to stock food grain to supply during shortfalls.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

**80.** Which of the following best describes the term 'windfall tax', recently seen in the news?

- (a) It is a tax levied on an unforeseen or unexpectedly large profit.
- (b) It is a tax levied to limit tax exemptions availed by companies.
- (c) It is a type of transfer tax on money or property that one living person or corporate entity gives to another.
- (d) It is a tax levied on profit from the sale of property or an investment.

**81.** With reference to Ulugh Khan or Balban, consider the following statements:

1. He introduced the Chahalgani system.
2. He began an era of decentralized government for the first time.
3. He was the first who set up a separate ariz's department in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**82.** MISHTI Scheme has been launched in Union Budget 2023 for mangrove plantations along the coastlines. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. MISHTI will be implemented through convergence between MGNREGS and CAMPA.
2. The state of Odisha alone has about 40% of India's mangroves.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**83.** With reference to Indian history, the term 'agrahara' refers to:

- (a) religious sacrifices to the deities during Mauryan period.
- (b) land grants to Brahmanas by royal patronage.
- (c) officials below district level during Gupta period.
- (d) type of idol casting method used during Post – mauryan period

**84.** With reference to medieval India, which of the following foreign travelers visited the Vijayanagar Empire?

1. Fernao Nuniz
2. Nicolo de Conti
3. Abdur Razzak
4. Ibn Battuta

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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



85. With reference to the dahsala system during the Mughal rule, consider the following statements:

1. It was the modified version of the Zabti system of land revenue.
2. Under this system, the produce was equally divided between the peasants and the state after it had been thrashed, or when it had been cut and tied in stacks.

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

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

86. In the context of trade in Post Mauryan period, which of the following famous ports are located on the eastern coast of India?

1. Broach
2. Sopara
3. Tamralipti
4. Arikamedu

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

87. Alexander invaded India during the reign of which of the following dynasties?

- (a) Shunga
- (b) Haryanka
- (c) Nanda
- (d) Gupta

88. Consider the following pairs:

**Theatre**

**Region**

- |                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Dashavatar   | Goa        |
| 2. Koodiyaattam | Kerala     |
| 3. Yakshagaana  | Telangana  |
| 4. Therukoothu  | Tamil Nadu |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs
- (d) All four pairs

89. Consider the following pairs:

**Regional music**

**Region**

- |              |   |                |
|--------------|---|----------------|
| 1. Lotia     | : | Andhra Pradesh |
| 2. Chhakri   | : | Kashmir        |
| 3. Daskathia | : | Odisha         |
| 4. Pandavani | : | Chhattisgarh   |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

90. It is a category of musical instruments in which sound is produced by blowing air into an hollow column. The pitch of the note is determined by controlling the air passage and the melody is played by using the fingers to open and close in the instrument. Above mentioned the paragraph refers to which of the following category of instruments?

- (a) Avanaddh Vadya
- (b) Sushir Vadya
- (c) Ghana Vadya
- (d) Tata Vadya



91. With reference to Sufism, consider the following pairs:

<i>Terms</i>	<i>Description/Meaning</i>
1. Haidaris	: Community Kitchens
2. Ziyarat	: Practice of pilgrimage
3. Khalifa	: Successor of a Sufi saint
4. Masnavis	: Sufi poems

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs
- (d) All four pairs

92. With reference to the Dharmapala, consider the following statements:

1. He was the founder of the Pala dynasty.
2. He founded Vikramshila University which became second only to Nalanda in fame.
3. He was involved in a conflict with the Pratihara king Vatsaraja due to the claim over the Kannauj region.

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

93. With reference to Indian history, Rekhapida, Pidhadeul and Khakra are related to:

- (a) Rich cuisine culture of Western India
- (b) Temple architecture in eastern India
- (c) Geometric scales given in Surya Siddhanta
- (d) Revenue collection systems in various parts of India

94. With reference to the Tamil literature, consider the following pairs:

<i>Work</i>	<i>Associated With</i>
1. Silappadikaram	: Chattanar
2. Manimekalai	: Ilango-Adigal
3. Thirukkural	: Thiruvalluvar

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs
- (d) None

95. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan trade:

1. Harappans used punch-marked coins in trade.
2. Harappans had trade relations with Afghanistan and Iran.

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

96. Consider the following statements with regard to Qutub Minar:

1. The construction of the Minar was started by Qutubuddin Aibak and completed by Balban.
2. Alai Darwaza associated with Qutub Minar was constructed by Alauddin Khilji.

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

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

97. Which of the following statements correctly describes the term “ChatGPT”?
- (a) It is a Government of India portal to create sensitization about mental issues.
  - (b) It is an initiative of Ministry of Education to help students deal with exam anxiety.
  - (c) It is a Generative Transformer from META for an interactive metaverse.
  - (d) It is an artificial intelligence chatbot developed by OpenAI.
98. The term 'Windsor framework' is seen in the news in the context of relations between:
- (a) South Korea and Japan
  - (b) Great Britain and Northern Ireland
  - (c) France and Spain
  - (d) United Kingdom and France
99. "The festival is celebrated every year on the full moon of Lamta (February-March) of the Meitei lunar calendar. It begins just after sunset followed by the "Burning of the Straw Hut". Unlike Holi, it is celebrated with a traditional twist. During these five days, Manipur comes alive with sporting events during the day and traditional “thabal chongba” dance the night."
- Which of the following festivals is being described in the passage given above?
- (a) Yashang Festival
  - (b) Magh Bihu
  - (c) Losar
  - (d) Saga Dawa

100. Consider the following statements about the National Recruitment Agency:
1. It will be a multi-agency body that will conduct tests for all non-gazetted posts, including Group B and C (non-technical) jobs.
  2. It will be registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, of 1860.
  3. It will be responsible for conducting the Common Eligibility Test (CET).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3