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1. Arrange the following elements of the Buddhist Stupa structure in the correct sequence of their arrangement from bottom to top.
- (a) Anda, Yashti, Chhatri and Harmika
  - (b) Harmika, Anda, Yashti and Chhatri
  - (c) Anda, Yashti, Harmika and Chhatri
  - (d) Anda, Harmika, Yashti and Chhatri
2. Consider the following statements regarding Aurangzeb:
- 1. Before becoming emperor, he served as the governor of Deccan.
  - 2. To contain the Marathas, he allied with the rulers of Bijapur and Golkonda.
  - 3. He stopped the celebration of Muharram in the Mughal empire.
  - 4. He created a separate department to enforce moral codes.
- How many of the statements above are correct?
- (a) Only one
  - (b) Only two
  - (c) Only three
  - (d) All four
3. Consider the following statements regarding the Gandhara school of art:
- 1. Mahayana form of Buddhism was depicted in the Gandhara school of art.
  - 2. Gandhara school of art was patronised by Saka and Kushana rulers.
- 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
4. The terms Groupers', John's Snapper and Indian Pompano recently seen in the news are:
- (a) Birds
  - (b) Fish
  - (c) Turtles
  - (d) Butterflies
5. Which of the following is the correct chronological order of invasions by foreigners in India?
- (a) Parthians-Shakas- Indo-Greeks-Kushans
  - (b) Kushans-Shakas-Parthians-Indo-Greeks
  - (c) Indo-Greeks-Kushans-Shakas-Parthians
  - (d) Indo-Greeks-Shakas-Parthians-Kushans
6. Advaita Vedanta and Dvaita Vedanta differ primarily in their views on:
- (a) The existence of God
  - (b) The nature of reality (Brahman) and the self (Atman)
  - (c) The importance of rituals and ceremonies
  - (d) The role of scriptures in spiritual realization
7. Recently seen in the news "Ketoprofen" is:
- (a) a dietary therapy.
  - (b) a cryogenic liquid.
  - (c) space technology that uses gravitational waves.
  - (d) a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

8. With reference to the major styles of Hindustani Classical Music, consider the following statements:

1. Thumri is a love song and is lyrical in its structure and presentation.
2. Tappa consists of the song uttered in fast note patterns.
3. Agra gharana is the oldest of all gharanas in the Khayal style.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

9. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to Malik Ambar?

1. He belonged to the family of nobles in the Bahmani sultanate.
2. He was a contemporary of Mughal Emperor Akbar.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

10. Consider the following statements with respect to the Pattachitra painting:

1. These paintings are popular art form based on temple traditions.
2. These have received GI tag from both West Bengal and Odisha.

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

11. With respect to medieval India, 'Polaj', 'Parauti', and 'Chachar' were related to:

- (a) Regions under the Khilji dynasty.
- (b) Division of army under Iltutmish.
- (c) Classification of agricultural land under Akbar.
- (d) Tribal religious practices ended by Aurangzeb.

12. With reference to the Marathas, the office of Peshwa became hereditary at the time of which of the following?

- (a) Balaji Vishwanath
- (b) Baji Rao
- (c) Narayan Rao
- (d) Madhav Rao

13. The terms "Bohag", "Kongali", and "Bhogali" are associated with which of the following dance forms?

- (a) Chhau
- (b) Bharatnatyam
- (c) Kuchipudi
- (d) Bihu

14. Consider the following statements about Avadanasataka:

1. It is a Buddhist anthology.
2. It has been composed in the Pali language.

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

15. In the context of cyberspace, the term OpenKylin was recently seen in the news. It is a:
- Ransomware
  - Desktop operating system
  - Supercomputer
  - Chatbot
16. Consider the following statements regarding World Cities Culture Forum:
- It is an initiative of UNESCO started in 2012.
  - Hyderabad is part of the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
17. Consider the following statements about Kathak:
- It is one of the eight classical dances of India as acknowledged by Sangeet Natak Akademi.
  - It is practiced mainly in northern India.
  - It makes use of Hindustani music.
  - It is differentiated into various gharanas.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - Only three
  - All four
18. Recently seen in the news "Salsola Oppositifolia" is:
- Largest flowering plant discovered in the Andaman Island
  - Himalayan herb known to have therapeutic effect
  - Perennial shrub that grows in saline environment
  - Algae that can be used to make bio-fuel

19. Consider the following pairs :

Terms in News	Nature/Type
1. Zhuque-2	: Rocket
2. JUPITER 3	: Electric Vehicle
3. Akira	: Robot

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

20. Consider the following statements with respect to Chaitanya Mahaprabhu:

- He was responsible for the revival of the Krishna cult in Vrindavan.
- He rejected scriptures and idol worship.
- The text 'Siksastaka' is related to the teachings of Chaitanya.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

21. Which one of the following is considered the westernmost Harappan site?

- Manda
- Gumla
- Amri
- Sutkagendor

22. Consider the following pairs:

<b>Ruler</b>	<b>Dynasty</b>
1. Mihirabhoja	: Gurjara-Pratiharas
2. Mahendrapala I	: The Palas
3. Amoghvarsha	: The Rashtrakutas

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

23. With reference to the Hindushahi kingdom, consider the following statements:

- 1. It extended from the Punjab to Kabul and its capital was Waihind.
- 2. The Hindushahi ruler Jayapala was a contemporary of Mahmud Ghazni.
- 3. The Hindushahis had friendly relations with the neighboring kingdom of Kashmir.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

24. Consider the following pairs regarding different kinds of shrines in temples :

<b>Type of Shrine</b>	<b>Feature</b>
1. Sandhara	: Shrine with pradikshinapath
2. Nirandhara	: Shrine without pradakshinapath
3. Sarvatobhadra	: Shrine which can be accessed from all sides

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

25. In the context of the rising popularity of Haptic technology, consider the following statements:

- 1. Haptic technology is a technology that can create an experience of touch by applying forces, vibrations, or motions to the user.
- 2. This technology can assist people with visual impairments, by providing spatial and directional cues, such as navigation, obstacle detection, and object recognition.
- 3. An example of haptic technology is the resistance from a steering wheel while driving a car.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

26. In Buddhism, "Anichcha" refers to:

- (a) The cycle of birth and rebirth
- (b) The concept of non-violence
- (c) The impermanence of all things
- (d) The pursuit of knowledge through meditation

27. Which of the following is **not** correct with reference to the Harappan script?

- (a) The Harappan script is logo-syllabic.
- (b) It was generally written from right to left.
- (c) It has seen drastic evolution from the early Harappan to late Harappan period.
- (d) The script is not yet deciphered successfully.

28. With reference to ancient Indian History, consider the following pairs:

<b>Ruler</b>	<b>Dynasty</b>
1. Nahapana	: Western Kshatrapas
2. Rudradaman 1	: Satavahanas
3. Vasudeva 1	: Abhiras
4. Simuka	: Kushanas

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

29. The term "Greedflation" is often seen in the news. It is best described as

- (a) sudden spike in consumer demand leading to inflation
- (b) inflation caused by corporates' excessive pursuit for high profits
- (c) situation where economic growth outpaces the money supply, causing inflation
- (d) practice of hoarding goods to create artificial scarcity and drive up prices

30. With reference to the Battle of Tarain, consider the following statements:

- 1. It was fought between Mahmud Ghazni and Prithviraj Chauhan.
- 2. After the second Battle of Tarain, Prithviraj's son moved to Ranthambore and found a new Chauhan Dynasty.

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

31. Consider the following statements regarding the Sohrai-Khovar painting:

- 1. It is a traditional and ritualistic mural art being practised by local tribal women.
- 2. It is usually done during local harvest and marriage seasons using locally available colours.
- 3. It belongs to the state of Jharkhand.
- 4. It is a GI-tagged painting.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

32. It is the oldest of all six systems of philosophy. It teaches the existence of twenty-five basic principles (tattva). Of these twenty-five tattvas, the first is Prakriti i.e. "matter". It believes that the evolution of the universe is not due to God but due to the inherent nature of the Prakriti. It talks about the doctrine of three qualities (guna). These are virtue (Sattva), passion (Rajas) and dullness (Tamas).

The above-mentioned paragraph refers to which one of the following philosophical systems?

- (a) Vaisheshika
- (b) Purva Mimamsa
- (c) Nyaya
- (d) Samkhya

33. Kamakhya temple, a Shakti Peeth, dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya built in the seventeenth century represents, which of the following style of architecture?

- (a) Pala
- (b) Vallabhi
- (c) Ahom
- (d) Dravidian

34. Which of the following is *not* a part of the musical Trinity of Carnatic music?
- Sri Shyama Shastri
  - Sri Thyagaraja
  - Sri Muthu Swami Dikshitar
  - Purandara Das
35. Which one of the following texts of Ancient India has the story of Chanakya's intrigues and brilliant strategy to subvert the intended invasion of Magadha?
- Mricchakatika
  - Sariputra Prakaran
  - Mudrarakshasa
  - Priyadarshika
36. This music/song is sung to welcome the king or the spirit of Pakhangba, the presiding deity. There is a belief that this song is potent with magical powers. Which of the following regional music is best described in the passage given above?
- Powada, Maharashtra
  - Daskathia, Odisha
  - Burra Katha, Andhra Pradesh
  - Sana Lamok, Manipur
37. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Geographical Indications (GI) tag</i> | <i>State</i>        |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Kandhamal Haldi                       | : Rajasthan         |
| 2. Idu Mishmi Textiles                   | : Arunachal Pradesh |
| 3. Joha Rice                             | : Odisha            |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None

38. Consider the following statements with respect to women Sufi saints:
- Rabia was a contemporary of Nizamuddin Auliya and is regarded as the first female Sufi saint of India.
  - The monotheistic approach of the Sufi saints led them into conflict with the orthodox elements of Sufism.
- Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
39. Consider the following system regarding Mughal administration:
- The period of Bairam Khan's regency (1556-60) saw the rise of the wakil-wazir with unlimited powers
  - Diwan-i-kul was given financial powers under Akbar by divesting this power from wakil.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
40. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Sangam text</i> | <i>Subject matter</i>                  |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. Silappadikaram  | Love story of dignitary called Kovalan |
| 2. Tirukkural      | Philosophy and Ethics in Public life   |
| 3. Tolkappiyam     | Tamil Grammar                          |
- How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None



**41.** In the context of astronomy, consider the following statements regarding Lagrange Points:

1. Lagrange points are positions in the universe where no celestial body can exert gravitational force.
2. These points can be used by spacecraft to reduce fuel consumption.

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

**42.** With reference to the Cholas, consider the following statements:

1. Its founder was Vijayalaya, who was at first a feudatory of the Pandyas.
2. Krishna III of Rashtrakuta defeated the Cholas and annexed the northern part of the Chola empire.
3. Rajaraja destroyed the Chera navy and invaded Sri Lanka.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**43.** Consider the following statements about Ramman:

1. It is a religious festival and ritual theatre.
2. It originated in the Himachal region of India.
3. It is listed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**44.** Recently seen in the news "Veeravanallur Chedibutta sarees" belong to which state in India?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Odisha

**45.** In the context of financial sector, what is "reverse book-building" process?

- (a) A process where investors bid for the shares of a company they want to buy in an initial public offering (IPO).
- (b) A process where tax evasion takes place through a series of shell companies
- (c) A process where investors bid for the shares of a company they want to buy back from the public to delist from the stock exchange
- (d) A process where investors submit sell orders for their shares in a company during a share repurchase program

**46.** Consider the following:

1. The use of Painted Grey ware started to gain prominence.
2. Decrease in the status of women in both polity and society.
3. The appearance of the institution of Gotra which signified the descent of a common ancestor.
4. The focus of rituals shifted from material gains to spiritual upliftment.

How many of the following changes happened with the transition from Vedic to later Vedic society?

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



47. Consider the following statements:  
Statement-I : The Satavahana administration had significant military elements.

Statement-II : The tribals in the Deccan did not reconcile to the new territorial rules of Satavahana easily.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

48. In the context of the rising popularity of magnetism in health care, consider the following statements:

- 1. Magnetic tentacle robots will be able to navigate within the lungs during a biopsy.
- 2. Magnetic Nano Particles have been proven to be efficacious thermoelectric materials and drug delivery vehicles.

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. The concept of "Sunyata" (Emptiness) propounded by Nagarjuna is related to which of the following schools of Buddhism?

- (a) Hinayana
- (b) Mahayana
- (c) Madhyamika
- (d) Vajrayana

50. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Famous Paintings</i>	<i>Painter</i>
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- |                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Falcon on a Bird Rest | : Ustad Mansur  |
| 2. Noah's Ark            | : Miskin        |
| 3. Tiller of the soil    | : Nandalal Bose |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

51. What does "criticality" refer to in the context of a nuclear reactor?

- (a) The state of a nuclear reactor when it runs out of fuel.
- (b) The state when a nuclear reactor is about to undergo a meltdown.
- (c) The point at which a nuclear reactor sustains a self-sustained chain reaction.
- (d) The condition where the nuclear reactor is operating at its maximum power level.

52. Which of the following is **not** correct regarding the Chalcolithic period?

- (a) Black and Red ware was the widely prevalent pottery in this period.
- (b) People in this period knew the art of spinning and weaving.
- (c) It saw very low infant mortality which was unique for a pre-historic period.
- (d) The chalcolithic people also used microliths i.e. small sized stone tools.

53. Which of the following major rock edicts elaborates on the experience of the war of Kaling and the change of heart of Asoka?

- (a) The 10th Major Rock Edict
- (b) The 8th Major Rock Edict
- (c) The 13th Major Rock Edict
- (d) The 14th Major Rock Edict

54. Consider the following pairs:

**North Indian States (10th-12th centuries)**      **Capitals**

1. The Chandel Dynasty : Kalinjar
2. The Chauhans Dynasty : Sakambhari
3. Gurjar-Pratihara : Kannauj

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

55. Consider the following:

1. Fatalistic Karma (Niyati)
2. Nudity
3. No discrimination on the basis of caste or class
4. Asceticism

How many of the above are features or elements of Ajivikas?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) All four
- (d) None

56. The 'Masahat system' during the Medieval period is best associated with

- (a) Market regulations
- (b) Measurement of land revenue
- (c) Appointment of royal officials
- (d) Rationing of food during famines

57. During the reign(s) of which of the following rulers of the Delhi Sultanate was the city of Delhi attacked by the Mongols?

- (a) Muhammad bin Tughlaq
- (b) Iltutmish
- (c) Alauddin Khilji
- (d) Ibrahim Lodi

58. Consider the following statements regarding Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF):

1. UIDF will focus on metro cities with a population of a million or more.
2. Eligible loan amount under the scheme would be based on the size and location of the project.
3. Heritage conservation is one of the eligible projects under the scheme.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

59. With reference to the terms used in Kautilya's Arthashastra, consider the following pairs:

Terms	Meaning
1. Atavika	: Forest-dwellers
2. Aranyachara	: Wild, savage tribes
3. Vagurikas	: Trappers

Which of the pairs given above are **not** correctly matched?

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

60. With reference to the Vijayanagara Empire, consider the following statements :

1. The Sangama dynasty was the first dynasty of the empire.
2. Krishnadeva Raya, a prominent ruler of the empire, belonged to this dynasty.
3. In 1565, Krishnadeva Raya's forces were routed by the combined armies of Bijapur, Ahmadnagar, and Golconda in the battle at Rakshasi-Tangadi.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

- 61.** In the context of climate change, Batagaika crater was recently seen in the news. It is located in:
- Antractica
  - Russia
  - Brazil
  - Greenland
- 62.** The Harappan civilization period is called the age of the first urbanization in India. Which of the following is called the period of 'second urbanization'?
- The peak of Gupta empire from late 4th century to late 5th century
  - The rise of Mahajanpadas
  - Formation of strong regional kingdoms post Mauryan decline
  - The rise of states in the southern part of India
- 63.** With reference to the medieval period, the terms 'Tulghuma' and 'Araba' were
- Chronicles of Sultanate period written during Tughluq dynasty.
  - Strategies used by Babur during first Panipat war.
  - Varieties of tea which was imported from China.
  - Regional artforms developed in the hilly region.
- 64.** Who among the following kings was called by the Greeks as "Amitrochates or Amitraghata" meaning slayer of enemies?
- Chandragupta Maurya
  - Samudragupta
  - Ajatshatru
  - Bindusara

- 65.** Consider the following items:
- lapis-lazuli
  - pearls
  - carnelian
  - Wool
  - silver
- How many of the above items were imported by Mesopotamia from Harappans?
- Only two
  - Only three
  - Only four
  - All five
- 66.** With reference to the Kalamkari painting, consider the following statements:
- Sri-Kalahasti, Andhra Pradesh is the best known centre of Kalamkari art.
  - In Tamil Nadu, the Karuppur kalamkari paintings have recently received the geographical indication (GI) tag.
  - The Masulipatnam kalamkari was widely influenced by Persian motifs and designs.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
- 67.** Consider the following statements regarding European Sky Shield Initiative :
- It aims to prevent light pollution of night sky in Europe.
  - It is an initiative of the European Space Agency and UNESCO.
  - France is not a member of this initiative.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None

68. Consider the following statements about a personality from medieval India:
1. He was a merchant from Persia.
  2. He was a military genius and conquered Konkan and Goa.
  3. He made endowments to build a college at Bidar
  4. He was persecuted and sentenced to death in 1481 by Muhammad Shah III.
- Which of the following personalities has been described in the statements given above?
- (a) Mahmud Gawan
  - (b) Ibrahmi Adil Shah I
  - (c) Malik Amber
  - (d) Nizam -ul- Mulk
69. Which of the following statements is **not** correct with reference to the Mughal period?
- (a) The highest number of books on classical Indian music were written during Aurangzeb's period.
  - (b) Mughal rulers started the practice of *jharoka darshan* through specially-built windows.
  - (c) Mir Sayid Ali and Abdus Samad who painted manuscripts were brought by Humayun from Persia.
  - (d) Daswant was the only Hindu painter during the Mughal period.
70. Consider the following statements about the upcoming Ram temple at Ayodhya:
1. It has been built in Nagara-style of temple architecture.
  2. Its superstructure has been carved out of Rajasthani Pink marble stones.
  3. The chief architect of this temple is Mr. Chandrakant Sompura.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one
  - (b) Only two
  - (c) All three
  - (d) None

71. Which of the following best describes "Tankai method" recently seen in the news?
- (a) A method to grow plants without soil substrate.
  - (b) An ancient tie and dye technique.
  - (c) An urban transportation method.
  - (d) An ancient shipbuilding technique.
72. The term *Majorana zero modes* recently seen in the news is a:
- (a) concept related to quantum computing
  - (b) solar cell technology for energy production with zero heat loss
  - (c) bacteria that eats plastic
  - (d) new technique to conserve wetlands from pollution
73. Consider the following statements:
1. The system of 'Dagh' and 'Huliya' was introduced in the military during Balban's reign.
  2. Malik Kafur was a slave of Alauddin Khalji who rose to become his military commander.
- 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. Arrange the following Mahajanapadas from east to west:
1. Mastya
  2. Vatsa
  3. Anga
  4. Magadh
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 3-4-2-1
  - (b) 4-3-2-1
  - (c) 1-2-3-4
  - (d) 4-2-3-1

75. The 'Trimurti' sculpture, depicting the Hindu trinity of Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, is found in?

- (a) Brihadeeswarar Temple
- (b) Khajuraho Temples
- (c) Elephanta Caves
- (d) Sun Temple, Konark

76. With reference to the cave paintings of Ajanta, consider the following statements:

1. The illustrations of the Jataka stories are in greater detail and have no use of ornamental designs.
2. The murals of Ajanta bear a secular rather than a religious message.
3. There are no paintings depicting Buddha's life after he had reached enlightenment.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

77. Consider the following statements regarding the Kailashnath temple at Ellora:

1. It was built by the Chalukyan kings.
2. It features sculptural representations of both Shiva and Vishnu.

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

78. Consider the following statements with respect to tool-making in the prehistoric period:

1. Tools of the Paleolithic period were rough and heavy.
2. Tools of the Mesolithic period were called microliths as they very small in size.
3. Neolithic period yielded various types of bone objects such as needles and scrapers.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

79. With reference to the Chola administration, consider the following statements :

1. The basic unit of administration was the *nadu* which consisted of a number of villages.
2. The state was divided into four *mandalams* or provinces and *nadus* were grouped into *valanadus*.
3. During the Chola period, *ur* was a general assembly of the village.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

80. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Ancient scholars/ personalities</i>	<i>Fields associated with</i>
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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Charaka      | : Medicine    |
| 2. Aryabhatta   | : Mathematics |
| 3. Banabhatta   | : Literature  |
| 4. Varahamihira | : Surgery     |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

81. Consider the following pairs:
- | <i>Canals in Medieval India</i> | <i>Built by rulers</i> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Nahr-i-Bihisht               | Shah Jahan             |
| 2. Rajabwah                     | Muhhamad Bin Tughlaq   |
| 3. Ulughkhani                   | Sher Shah Suri         |
- How many pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) Only three  
(d) None
82. Consider the following passage:  
*It is dubbed to be India's first private hill station. It is located in Mulshi Valley in the Western Ghats. It was developed by Hindustan Construction Company which had envisaged the hill station as a European-style city. The Varsagaon dam on Mutha river is close to this hill station.*
- Which of the following places is being described in the passage given above?
- (a) Coonoor  
(b) Yercaud  
(c) Lavasa  
(d) Coorg
83. In the context of Jute farming in India, consider the following statements:
1. India is the world's largest producer of jute.
  2. Under the Jute Packaging Materials Act, 1987 the government has made it mandatory the packaging of 100% sugar in jute bags.
  3. Major jute producing states include West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None

84. In the context of the health sector, consider the following statements regarding *aspartame*:
1. It is an artificial sweetener.
  2. Its sweetness is less compared to sugar.
  3. It is declared as possibly carcinogenic by the World Health Organization.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
85. With reference to post-Mauryan trade and commercial activities, consider the following statements:
1. There was an enormous drain of gold from the India to Roman Empire.
  2. The text called Milindpanho recorded various craft activities which were thriving at that time.
  3. The guilds served as banks receiving deposits from the public.
- How many of the statements above are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
86. With reference to ancient India, the terms 'Dharmasthiya' and 'kantakasodhana' are related to:
- (a) the elaborate spy system explained in the book 'Arthashastra'
  - (b) the justice delivery system under the Mauryan rule
  - (c) officers incharge of prisons in Mahajanapadas
  - (d) secular texts dealing with the governance rules and ethics



87. Consider the following pairs:

**Book**

**Writer**

1. Sangeet Ratnakara : Sarangdeva
2. Prahlada Bhakti : Tyagaraja  
Vijayam
3. Kitab-e Nauras : Ibrahim Adil Shah

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How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

88. Consider the following statements:

1. Nigaa khana was a painting workshop set up by Humayun.
2. The Princes of the House of Timur is a famous painting containing the portraits of successive members of the Mughal dynasty.

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

89. Consider the following sites:

1. The Siwalik hills in north India
2. Adamgarh hill in Narmada valley
3. Attirampakkam near Chennai
4. Jorwe in Maharashtra

How many of the above sites are related to the Paleolithic age in the Indian subcontinent?

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

90. In the context of tea farming in India, consider the following statements:

1. Assam is the major tea producing state in India followed by West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.
2. The Tea Board of India is headquartered at Digboi, Assam.

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

91. With reference to the history of ancient India, Nanda Vaccha, Kisa Samkicca and Purana Kassapa were associated with which of the following sect?

- (a) Jain
- (b) Ajivikas
- (c) Alvars
- (d) Buddhist

92. With reference to the amara-nayakas of the Vijayanagara Empire, consider the following statements:

1. It was a political innovation and its features were derived from the iqta system of the Delhi Sultanate.
2. They were military commanders who collected taxes and other dues from peasants, craftspersons and traders in the area.

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



- 93.** Arrange the following historical events chronologically:
1. Establishment of the Gajapati kingdom of Orissa
  2. Conquest of Goa by the Portuguese
  3. Sultanate in Jaunpur
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 2-1-3  
(b) 3-1-2  
(c) 3-2-1  
(d) 1-2-3
- 94.** In the context of financial sector, the term "takeout financing" means:
- (a) A financing arrangement in which investors pool funds to invest in various takeout food delivery startups
- (b) A long-term financing option used to repay an existing short-term loan or bridge loan.
- (c) A type of short-term financing used by businesses to fund their daily takeout operations.
- (d) The process of taking out a loan to purchase a takeout restaurant franchise.
- 95.** With reference to the Vijayanagara Empire, consider the following statements:
1. The ruins of Hampi were discovered in 1800 by Colin Mackenzie through the priests of the Virupaksha temple.
  2. People of that region remembered it as Hampi, a name derived from the local mother goddess, Pampadevi.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 96.** Consider the following statements about the UNESCO list of endangered languages:
1. Only five Indian languages are included in the list.
  2. In the last 50 years, no Indian language has been declared extinct.
  3. Shompen and Onge are included in the list of endangered languages in India.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
- 97.** Sariputta, Ananda, Kassapa and Upali were important personalities associated with:
- (a) Jainism  
(b) Buddhism  
(c) Shaivism  
(d) Vaishnavism
- 98.** Consider the following statements:
1. Mahavira did not allow women to be the propagators of Jainism.
  2. Jainism was not visible in southern India until the 1st century AD.
  3. The use of the Prakrit language helped in the emergence of the Marathi language.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 3 only

99. In the context of cultural and religious history of India, which of the following statements best describes the term 'vratya'?
- (a) An Aryan who had fallen from the faith and no longer respected the Vedas.
  - (b) An enlightened spiritual master in Hinduism.
  - (c) A type of musical instrument used in traditional Indian classical music.
  - (d) A sacred thread worn by Brahmins.
100. Which of the following options correctly describes the descending order (highest to lowest) of the currencies prevalent during the Delhi Sultanat?
- (a) Tanka - Jital - Daram
  - (b) Jital- Tanka - Daram
  - (c) Daram - Jital - Tanka
  - (d) Jital - Daram -Tanka

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