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1. With respect to the Indian classical dance Bharatnatyam, consider the following statements:

1. It is a solo dance in which one dancer takes on many roles in a single performance.
2. Mridangam is the only musical instrument used in the performance.
3. The performance ends with a vibrant dance performance called 'alarippu'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements about Therigatha:

1. It is a part of early Jaina literature composed by women nuns.
2. It provides insights into social and spiritual experiences of women nuns.

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

3. The recently launched PARIVESH- Pro Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive and Virtuous Environment Single Window Hub, is meant for:

- (a) online submission and monitoring of proposals for environment clearances.
- (b) uploading and tracking of proposals under the government e-marketplace.
- (c) online submission of application for enrolments into the National Health Protection Scheme.
- (d) tracking projects under the Invest India scheme.

4. Consider the following pairs:

Musical Instruments	Characteristics
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|--------------------|---|
| 1. Sushira Vadya | : Stringed instruments |
| 2. Ghana Vadya | : Solid instruments which do not require tuning |
| 3. Avanaddha Vadya | : Percussion instruments |
| 4. Tata Vadya | : Wind instruments |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

5. Recently the Caspian Sea Breakthrough Treaty was signed to establish sovereign rights to the sea. Which of the following countries are parties to the treaty?

1. Azerbaijan
2. Iran
3. Iraq
4. Russia
5. Kazakhstan

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

6. Which of the following is **not** a reason for the decline of Gupta empire?

- (a) Invasion by the Hunas from Central Asia
- (b) Yashodharman's victory over Hunas and his rule in Malwa
- (c) Marriage alliance with the prince of Vakataka kingdom
- (d) Decline of trade due to loss of western India including Gujarat

7. With reference to Vedic texts, one of the most ancient texts of India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Vedic texts mainly comprised only of prayers and rituals and had no magic and mythological stories.
2. Vedangas are the auxiliary disciplines associated with the study and understanding of the Vedas.

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

8. The Pallava period bronze image of seated Shiva in *ardhaparyanka asana* with hand gesture called *achamana mudra*. This hand gesture mudra symbolizes:

- (a) Lord Shiva is about to drink poison.
- (b) Kicking away the veil of illusion from devotee's mind.
- (c) End of this cosmic world.
- (d) Creation and preservation of universe.

9. With reference to Indian classical music, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Indian music bifurcated into the two classical systems during the reign of Samudragupta.
2. The Hindustani music has been influenced by the Persian and Arabic musical cultures.

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. Which of the following is/are features of Chalcolithic cultures?

1. Use of stone and copper, was prevalent during this period.
2. Burnt bricks were primarily used for construction.
3. They were acquainted with the craft of cloth manufacturing.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

11. Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct about the Qutub Minar?

1. It was completed during Iltutmish's reign.
2. It was dedicated to Qutubuddin Aibak.
3. Marble was used in its construction.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

12. With reference to the Mathura school of sculptures, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Buddha was represented in human form only in this school.
2. Sculptures of Buddha are marked by half-closed eyes and round face and cheeks.
3. The halo around the head is profusely decorated.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

13. With reference to Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0, consider the following statements:
1. It aims to bring change in rural development by leveraging knowledge of institutions of higher education.
 2. It is a flagship programme of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).
 3. IIT Delhi has been designated to function as the National Coordinating Institute for this program.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. With reference to administration of Balban, consider the following statements:
1. He ascended the throne immediately after the death of Razia Sultan.
 2. Indian Muslims were not given important posts in his administration.
 3. He established a separate military department, *diwan-i-arz*, to restore law and order in the kingdom.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements:
1. The Nagara temples have curving shikhars while the Dravida temples have pyramid-like vimana.
 2. The Nagara temples had elaborate gateways while in the Dravida temples the gateways were not so prominent feature.
 3. The Nagara temples were marked by temple tanks and wells while in the Dravida temples these were absent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. Which of the following best describes Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative, recently launched by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India?

- (a) It aims to convert used cooking oil into biodiesel.
- (b) It aims to set safety standards for reuse of cooking oil.
- (c) It aims to establish the nutritional safety of various types of edible oils.
- (d) It aims to discourage the reuse of cooking oil by commercial establishments.

17. With reference to the history of music in India, consider the following statements:

1. The earliest evidence of music activity is found on the walls of cave paintings at Bhimbetka.
2. Division of musical instruments based on the method of producing sound was first found in Samveda.

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

18. Which of the following releases the 'Ease of Living Index'?

- (a) NITI Aayog in association with World Bank.
- (b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (c) World Council on City Data
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development

19. Which among the following was one of the reason for the building of new capital at Fatehpur Sikri by Akbar?

- (a) It would protect the Mughal empire from the direct Mongol invasion from the North Western frontier.
- (b) Fatehpur Sikri was located on the direct road to Ajmer where the dargah of Shaikh Muinuddin Chisti was located.
- (c) To rooted out the Uzbeks from eastern Uttar Pradesh where they formed a powerful group.
- (d) He wanted to establish Fatehpur Sikri as great Persian learning centre of Mughal empire.

20. With reference to the Gupta administration system, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. The empire was divided into divisions called *bhuktis*.
- 2. The lowest unit of administration was the districts (*vishayas*), which were placed under the charge of a *vishayapati*.
- 3. Recruitment was confined to the upper varnas only.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

21. Consider the following pairs:

Indian classical dance	State
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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Mohiniyattam | : Tamil Nadu |
| 2. Sattriya | : Assam |
| 3. Kuchipudi | : Andhra Pradesh |

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

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

22. Who among the following were bhakti saints of Maharashtra?

- 1. Gnanadeva
- 2. Chaitanya
- 3. Tukaram
- 4. Shankaradeva

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

23. Consider the following pairs:

Temple	State
1. Deogarh	: Madhya Pradesh
2. Kamakhya Temple	: Assam
3. Bhitargaon Temple	: Karnataka

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

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

24. In the context of ancient Indian history, "Tamizhakam" refers to:.

- (a) a new culture that developed as a result of contacts between Arabs & people of South India around 1st century AD.
- (b) is another name for megalithic structures built around burials.
- (c) is a name of migrant tribes from north to south during 1st century BC.
- (d) cultural & economic contacts between the north & south as a result of trade between people which became important from 4th century BC

25. With reference to the Tamil epic Silappadikaram, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It was composed around the sixth century B.C.
2. It deals with the story of previous births of Gautama Buddha in both human and animal form.
3. It was written by Chithalai Chathanar, a grain merchant of Madurai.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

26. *"This was the coastal region of present-day Odisha lying south of river Mahanadi. It leapt into importance under Ashoka but a strong state was founded here in the first century BC by Kharvela."*

Which of the following area is being discussed in the above passage?

- (a) Sundargarh
- (b) Kalinga
- (c) Sambalpur
- (d) Bharhut

27. Consider the following statements about the Harappan pottery:

1. It includes red, grey and black-on-red wares.
2. Harappan pots were objects of luxury not meant for common use.
3. No human figures were drawn on Harappan Pottery.

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

28. Consider the following statements regarding Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW):

1. It is an indigenously designed and developed weapon.
2. It is capable of engaging ground targets with high precision up to a range of 1000 km.
3. It is a precision-guided glide bomb to destroy runways, bunkers and aircraft hangars.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

29. Which of the following observations was/were made by Megasthenes about the Mauryan empire?

1. Coordination of military activity through a committee system.
2. Land measurement by officers.
3. Employment of slaves in agricultural operations.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

30. With reference to Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), consider the following statements:

1. They are devices that burn tobacco leaves which the user can inhale.
2. They are not harmful for human consumption.
3. No state in India has prohibited their sale and distribution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct about the Vijayanagara kingdom?

1. The Vijayanagara kings maintained complete separation between religion and administration.
2. Land revenue was the main source of income.
3. Administration of the villages was carried out through hereditary officers.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

32. Consider the following factors:

1. Superior weapons with the Turks
2. Growth of feudalism among Rajputs
3. Large use of elephants in Turkish armies

Which of the above factors was/were responsible for defeat of Rajputs against Turkish armies?

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

33. *"This ruler was given a title of 'Vichitrachitta', which is a sanskrit word meaning unique thoughts or weird thoughts. He was pioneer in building temples with stones. Cave temples were also his contribution. His interests also included music, painting and writing books."*

The above passage describes which of the following rulers?

- (a) Rajaraja Chola I
- (b) Mahendravarman I
- (c) Harihara I
- (d) Prataprudra II

34. With reference to world's fastest land mammal 'Cheetah', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a large mammal to be declared extinct-in-wild in India in recent history.
2. Nauradehi Sanctuary of Madhya Pradesh was the last living habitat of Cheetahs in India.
3. It is given legal protection under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

35. During ancient India, the prime objective of the visits of Chinese scholars was to:

- (a) search for Buddhist text and literatures.
- (b) develop diplomatic relation with Indian rulers.
- (c) understand the Indian education system.
- (d) secure trading concessions from the then rulers in India.

36. Consider the following statements with respect to the social divisions of the Rigvedic times:

1. Kinship was the basis of social structure.
2. Women could not attend assemblies and offer sacrifices.
3. Slaves were given as gifts to the priests.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Recently, Indian army suggested the conversion of Cantonments into Exclusive Military Stations (EMS). Which among the following is/are the differences between a Cantonment and an Exclusive military station?

1. Cantonments are created by an executive order while EMS are governed by an Act of Parliament.
2. Cantonments have mixed civilian and military population while EMS have no civilian inhabitation.

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

38. With reference to India's culture and tradition, what is 'Kutagrahashala'?

- (a) Manufacturing centers during the Mughal period.
- (b) Place for debate and discussions among Buddhist teachers.
- (c) Recreation center for the royal family of Vijayanagar kingdom.
- (d) Innermost sanctum of a Hindu temple for the main deity.

39. With reference to the Udaigiri-Khandagiri caves, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. They are examples of the rock-cut cave tradition.
2. These caves have inscriptions of Kharavela kings.
3. The caves were primarily meant for Buddhist monks.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

40. Which of the following are prominent features of Amravati stupa?

1. It has *pradakshinapatha* enclosed within a vedika decorated with many narrative sculptures.
2. The dome of the stupa is covered with relief of sculptural slabs.
3. The stupa is devoid of Buddha images and symbols such as empty throne, feet or chhatra which were used to represent Buddha.

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

41. Which of the following statements about Pala rulers are correct?

1. They were patrons of Buddhism and founded the Vikramshila university.
2. They abolished the trade links with South-East Asia.
3. Arab merchant Sulaiman has given a detailed account of Pala rule.

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

42. Consider the following pairs:

Puppetry	State
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|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Togalu Gombeyatta | : Andhra Pradesh |
| 2. Kundhei | : Orissa |
| 3. Putul Nautch | : Rajasthan |
| 4. Bommalattam | : Tamil Nadu |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

43. Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) is related to which of the following?
- It is an agreement between India and USA to facilitate transfer of communication security equipment.
 - Defence agreement between India and Israel to share anti-submarine technology.
 - It is a counter-terrorism agreement among Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) members.
 - BRICS nations agreement to counter ISIS in the Asia-Pacific region.

44. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Ocean Conference:

- It is an annual event to bring together State leaders from the region to develop enhanced trade linkages and sustainable use of ocean resources.
- It is an initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- Its most recent edition was held in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

45. Consider the following statements:

- Parthians were the first Central Asians to invade India.
- Shakas were the first to issue gold coins in India.
- Kushanas were the only Central Asians to expand their rule beyond Punjab.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3
- None

46. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Mahayana sect of Buddhism?

- The emergence of Bodhisattva is central to this sect of Buddhism.
- Worshipping the images of Buddha is an important part of this sect.
- The sect emerged during the reign of Ashoka.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 and 2 only
- 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3
- 2 only

47. With reference to the newly launched 'Horizon 2020' initiative, which of the following statements are correct?

- It aims to develop a cost-effective and affordable vaccine for influenza.
- It has been launched under the collaboration of European Union and Government of India.
- It will contribute in achievement of Sustainable Development Goal Number 3.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

48. Recently, Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary was declared as an elephant reserve. It is located in:

- Karnataka
- Kerala
- Jharkhand
- Nagaland

49. The final draft of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been released recently. Consider the following statements in relation to the NRC:

1. The latest NRC update was carried under the Citizenship Act, 1955 and Assam Accord, 1985.
2. It is updated every ten years since it was first prepared in 1951.
3. It is being conducted by an independent office under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

50. With reference to history of India, consider the following texts:

1. Charaka Samhita
2. Ashtadhyayi
3. Milind Panho

What is the correct chronological sequence of the composition of the above texts?

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

51. With reference to ancient history of India, the term 'samantas' refers to:

- (a) Oligarchies where power was shared by a number of men
- (b) Men who maintained themselves through local resources and provided military support to rulers
- (c) Officials in the Mauryan kingdom responsible for spreading the ideas of 'Dhamma'
- (d) Kind of voluntary tax imposed on people

52. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct about the development of paintings during the Mughal period in India?

- (a) Mughal painting reached its climax under the reign of Jahangir.
- (b) Foundation of Mughal painting was laid by the Humayun.
- (c) European paintings were introduced in India by the Portuguese in the court of Jahangir.
- (d) Themes in Rajasthani paintings were influenced by the Mughal paintings.

53. With reference to the teachings of the Buddha, consider the following statements:

1. Women were not allowed to attend the Buddha's oral discourses.
2. None of the Buddha's speeches were written down during his lifetime.
3. His disciples compiled his teachings at Vaishali.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. With reference to the recently launched satellite Aeolus, consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's first wind-sensing satellite dedicated to map Earth's winds on a global scale.
2. It has been launched by Indian Space Research Organization.

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

55. Great prominence is given in the Rig Veda to two popular assemblies called "Sabha" and "Samiti", which seem to have formed an essential feature of the government. In this context, which of the statements is/are correct?

1. The Sabha, which mainly dealt with policy decisions and political business, included common people.
2. The Samiti, less political in character, was a more select body of the elders or nobles.

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

56. Magadha emerged as the most powerful mahajanapada between sixth and the fourth centuries BCE. What factors could be attributed to its rise?

1. Better agriculture productivity
2. Availability of Iron ore mines
3. Availability of elephants in the nearby forests
4. Cheap and convenient communication through Ganga and its tributaries

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

57. With reference to agrarian society of Medieval India, the term "*Milkiyat*" refers to:

- (a) Personal lands of Zamindars
- (b) Barren land
- (c) Lands used for the cultivation of cash crops
- (d) Agriculture labourers

58. With reference to the agricultural system of Sher Shah Suri, consider the following statements:

1. Land revenue amount payable by each peasant had to be informed through *patta* before collecting it.
2. The state's share was three-fourths of the average produce and it was paid in cash or crop.
3. Cess was levied on land to guard against natural calamities.

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

59. Which of the following statements is *not* correct about the Lingayat movement?

- (a) Its leadership was largely formed of Brahmins.
- (b) It questioned the idea of rebirth.
- (c) It remained confined to the Karnataka region.
- (d) It was critical of Jainism.

60. Which among the following factors played an important role in the rise of Marathas in the 17th centuries?

1. Adoption of guerilla tactics in warfare.
2. Building a number of forts on the mountains.
3. The spread of the Bhakti movement in Maharashtra.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

61. Consider the following pairs:

Stupa sites	States
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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Jagayyapetta | : Andhra Pradesh |
| 2. Devnimori | : Madhya Pradesh |
| 3. Sannati | : Karnataka |

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

62. With reference to the Bahmani kingdom, consider the following statements:

- 1. The kingdom was founded by Hasan Gangu Bahamani in the Deccan region.
- 2. Its interests constantly clashed with the Vijayanagara kingdom in the Krishna-Godavari delta region.

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

63. With reference to Krishnadeva Raya, consider the following statements:

- 1. He founded the Vijaynagara Empire.
- 2. He composed a work on statecraft in Telugu known as the Amuktamalyada.
- 3. He belonged to the Tuluva dynasty.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

64. With reference to India's culture and tradition, 'tessellation' and 'pietra dura' are related to:

- (a) the shape of the platform upon which Brahmanical temples were built.
- (b) decorative form used in Indo-Islamic architecture.
- (c) miniature paintings depicting the Mughal royal life.
- (d) musical instruments of Arabic origin in the Mughal's royal court.

65. With reference to the Vesara style of temple architecture in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Vesara style has features of both Nagara style and Dravida style.
- 2. The Chalukyas were great patrons of Vesara temple architecture.

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. Consider the following pairs:

Janpada	Capital
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| 1. Saurasena | : Mathura |
| 2. Matsya | : Viratnagar |
| 3. Vajji | : Vaishali |
| 4. Kosala | : Sravasti |

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

67. With reference to the provisions made under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan (PMJAY), consider the following statements:

1. The scheme covers hospitalization expenses up to 5 lakh per year for each individual.
2. All members of eligible families as present in SECC database are automatically covered.
3. No pre-existing disease or condition is covered under this scheme.

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

68. With reference to the Sangam age, which of the following best describes the term '*pariyars*'?

- (a) Title conferred upon warrior class by the kings.
- (b) Members of the ruling class who married rich peasants.
- (c) Merchants who traded in grains and other agricultural products.
- (d) Agricultural labourers who also worked with animal skins.

69. Consider the following statements regarding Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD)

1. It was established under the auspices of the UNESCO.
2. It is mandated to achieve cohesive electronic media environment in the Asia-Pacific region through policy and resource development.
3. India is the current president of AIBD.

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

70. With reference to Brahmagupta, an astronomer and mathematician of 6th-7th century AD., consider the following statements:

1. He was the first mathematician to discuss a method of obtaining a cyclic quadrilateral having rational sides and to give its area.
2. He referred to complex automatic devices called 'svayam yantras' in his observations.
3. He wrote Khandakahadyaka.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

71. Consider the following features about an Indian painting:

1. Traditionally, done by womenfolk on mud walls, it is now also painted on cloth, handmade paper and canvas.
2. Its main theme revolves around Hindu deities.
3. Generally, empty spaces are filled with various motifs.

Which of the following paintings is characterized by the above mentioned features?

- (a) Kangra Painting
- (b) Mithila Painting
- (c) Kalamkari Painting
- (d) Warli Painting

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

1. Iltutmish
2. Muhammad bin Tughlaq
3. Alauddin Khalji

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

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73. *"It is a traditional folk theatre form of Kerala. It is usually performed only in the Kali temples. It depicts the triumph of the goddess Bhadrakali over the demon Darika. The seven characters in this play are all heavily made-up".*

Which of the following theatre form is described in the above passage?

- (a) Koodiyaattam
- (b) Krishnattam
- (c) Mudi yettu
- (d) Therukoothu

74. Consider the following statements regarding the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC):

1. It was established in 1991 after the liberalisation of Indian economy to improve regional trade.
2. All the members of BIMSTEC are also member countries of SAARC.
3. The most recent summit of BIMSTEC was held in Nepal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding "Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF)"?

1. It is a set of farming methods that aims to reduce the cost of production.
2. Karnataka is the first state in India to have successfully implemented ZBNF.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76. The 'four-corner agreement', seen recently in news, concerns which of the following tribal groups in India?

- (a) Bhils
- (b) Bru
- (c) Garo
- (d) Khasi

77. Recently, India's Swapna Barman won India's first gold medal in Heptathlon Athletics in Asian Games. In this context, which of the following best describes 'Heptathlon'?

- (a) It is a seven day long marathon spanning across Asia.
- (b) It is a contest of seven track and field events.
- (c) It is a swimming contest of seven different strokes.
- (d) It is a seven person relay race with hurdles.

78. With reference to the ancient Nalanda University, consider the following statements:

1. It was a residential university.
2. Only Mahayana Buddhist doctrine was taught in the university.
3. Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang gave a detailed account of this university.

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

79. Recently, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched an experimental project to introduce *Wolbachia* bacteria in mosquitoes. It will:

- (a) help in the elimination of Dengue by not allowing the virus to spread in the host.
- (b) render the mosquitoes infertile due to which they will not be able to breed and multiply.
- (c) kill all the mosquitoes as the bacteria is lethal.
- (d) limit the flight span of mosquitoes rendering them localized to water bodies.

80. With reference to Charvaka Philosophy, consider the following statements:

- 1. It challenged the authority of Vedas and questioned its teachings.
- 2. It denies the existence of God.

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

81. Which of the following languages served as the language of inscription in ancient times throughout the Indian subcontinent?

- 1. Pali
- 2. Prakrit
- 3. Sanskrit

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

82. With reference to the Sufi silsilas in India during the Delhi Sultanate, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Suhrawardi saints held important posts in the State while the Chisti saints preferred to keep aloof from state politics.
- 2. The Suhrawardi saints took their message across India while the activities of the Chisti saints remained largely confined to Delhi.

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. With reference to Khajuraho temples, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Temples of Khajuraho were made by the Chandela Kings.
- 2. Sandstone is the main building material used for their construction.
- 3. These temples are devoted to Hindu as well as Jain gods.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

84. In Buddhism, the analogy of the 'flame of a lamp which kindles other lamp before getting extinguished' is used to explain?

- (a) Transmigration of soul
- (b) Bodhisattva
- (c) Continuous flux of universe
- (d) None of the above

85. Consider the following pairs:

Folk Music	State
1. Pandavani	: Maharastra
2. Mando	: Goa
3. Laman	: Manipur

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

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

86. With reference to the recently launched Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to rank primary and secondary schools on innovation related indicators.

2. It has been launched by Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

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

87. With reference to the Indian art and tradition, the 'cire-perdu' or the lost-wax process is used for:

(a) sculpting stones on walls of temples.

(b) preparing background wall for mural paintings.

(c) metal casting to make metal sculptures.

(d) making clay pottery.

88. Move Hack, a global mobility hackathon to crowdsource solutions for the future of mobility in India, was recently launched by:

(a) NITI Aayog

(b) Inland Waterways Authority of India

(c) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

(d) Ministry of Shipping

89. With reference to the Rig Vedic period, consider the following pairs:

Titles	Function
1. Vrajapati	: Officer who enjoyed authority over a large land or pasture ground
2. Kulapas	: Head of the families
3. Gramanis	: Officer concerned with collection of Taxes.

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

(a) 1, 2 and 3

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 3 only

90. With reference to foreign trade in the post-Mauryan age, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It was mainly conducted in articles of daily use by the common people.

2. The Romans first started trade with the southernmost part of India.

3. There was considerable transit trade in silk between India and the Roman empire.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

91. "Bondi" Bond, a term recently seen in news, refers to:
- Bonds issued in Canadian dollars by foreign institutions.
 - Bonds issued by the Government of India to encourage investment by youth.
 - World's first public blockchain bond.
 - Bonds issued by Rajasthan Government to attract investments in infrastructure.

92. Which among the following factors led to the advent of Portuguese in India?
- Demand for oriental goods in Europe
 - Growth of the Turkish Navy
 - Invention and wide use of the mariner's compass

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

93. "Ashtapradhan" was a popular term used in the medieval period of Indian History. What does the term mean?
- The term signifies 8 important literary and cultural court personalities during Great Cholas.
 - The term was used for the most important court luminaries during the reign of Akbar.
 - The term was used for an administrative officer overseeing 8 departments during the reign of Krishna Deva Raya.
 - The term was used for the 8 ministers during the reign of Shivaji.

94. Which of the following texts are related to the Buddhist tradition?
- Tripitika
 - Dipavamsa
 - Ashokavadana
 - Agamas

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 and 2 only
- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 3 and 4 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

95. Which among the following commodities were exported by India during the 17th century?

- Indigo
- Sugarcane
- Tin
- Saltpetre

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 3 and 4 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 4 only

96. Which among the following was/were the reforms initiated by Alauddin Khalji?

- System of branding of horses
- Deregulation of grain market
- Measurement of land

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only

97. Consider the following:

Buddhist site

Location

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Bamiyan | : Afghanistan |
| 2. Begram | : Sri Lanka |
| 3. Borobudur | : Indonesia |

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

- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 2 only

98. Which of the following was an important port on Eastern coast for trade with South East Asia during 8th and 9th century?

- (a) Muziris
- (b) Tamralipti
- (c) Bharuch
- (d) Masulipatnam

99. With respect to the Mansabdari system under the Mughal rule, consider the following statements:

1. The mansabdars had both civil as well as military functions.
2. All mansabdars were paid in cash.
3. It was hereditary in nature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

100. With reference to the Tamil bhakti saints, consider the following statements:

1. The saints travelled from place to place singing hymns in the vernacular Tamil language.
2. All the saints sang song in the praise of Lord Krishna.
3. Most of the Bhakti saints were women.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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