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1. Dholavira, an important archaeological site of the Harappan civilization, is known for its unique features. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Dholavira?
1. It lies on the Tropic of Cancer.
  2. Dholavira is known for its sophisticated water conservation system, including reservoirs.
  3. The site is divided into a citadel, a middle town, and a lower town.
  4. It has been declared as a world heritage site by the UNESCO

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding the achievements of Indian Cinema:

1. Satyajit Ray was the first Indian to win an Academy Award (Oscar).
2. Raja Harishchandra is recognized as India's first full-length feature film.

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. Which of the statements given is **not** correct regarding the site of *Chandaketugarh*?

- (a) The site is famous for a number of terracotta artifacts found.
- (b) Inscriptions in combination of Brahmi and Kharosthi are found here.
- (c) It is located in Odisha.
- (d) Figures of women with elaborate hair accessories are found in good amount.

4. In the context of Indian arts and crafts, the terms "Chowkurna", "Mandana", "Santhias", and "Jhonti" are:

- (a) embroidery patterns
- (b) pottery types
- (c) painting styles
- (d) floor designs

5. Who among the following is referred to as the universal worthy Bodhisattva, known for embodying practice and vows, and often depicted riding an elephant?

- (a) Avalokiteshvara
- (b) Manjushri
- (c) Samantabhadra
- (d) Maitreya

6. Who wrote the *Adi Purana* of the Jains in Sanskrit?

- (a) Amoghavarsha I
- (b) Jinasena
- (c) Gunabhadra
- (d) Krishna II

7. Consider the following land revenue system:

1. Ghalla-bakhshi system
2. Nasaq system
3. Dahsala system

How many of the above land revenue systems were prevalent during the Akbar period?

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

8. Which of the following countries are members of the Colombo Security Conclave?

1. India
2. Bangladesh
3. Sri Lanka
4. Maldives

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding coins issued by the Indo-Greeks:

1. Their coins had depictions of kings on one side and Hindu religious deities on the other side.
2. Indo-Greek coins were in bilingual inscriptions in Greek and Kharosthi.

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

10. The term 'Money Mule,' recently seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) digital fraud and illegal money transfers.
- (b) investment opportunities for High Net Worth Individuals.
- (c) income generating assets in real estate.
- (d) international arbitration bodies in economic offences.

11. With reference to the Vishnupad Temple, consider the following statements:

1. It was built by Queen Ahilyabai Holkar.
2. It is located on the banks of the Ganga River in Bihar.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

12. With reference to Bhakti movement in south India, consider the following statements:

1. According to Shankaracharya, the attainment of knowledge is essential for man to merge with God, and without proper knowledge man cannot attain salvation.
2. According to Ramanujacharya the path of surrender to God, through bhakti, can help attain salvation.

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

13. Consider the following statements:

1. Made from a unique blend of quartz stone powder, powdered glass, Multani mitti, and borax, without any clay.
2. The characteristic color comes from cobalt oxide.
3. Artisans use techniques like hand painting and block printing, to create elaborate floral, bird, and geometric motifs.
4. Fired at lower temperatures, resulting in a delicate, semi-transparent finish.

Which of the following pottery is mentioned in the above statements?

- (a) Surai Pottery
- (b) Kangra Pottery
- (c) Blue Pottery
- (d) Khurja Pottery

14. Consider the following statements with respect to the system of administration during the Gupta age:

1. The empire was divided into divisions called bhuktis headed by Uparika.
2. The civil and criminal laws were clearly demarcated.
3. Regulation of all economic activities in the Gupta empire required a larger bureaucratic apparatus than that of the Mauryan Empire.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. With reference to the Rapid Apophis Mission for Space Safety (RAMSES), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to study the Apophis asteroid during its close approach to Earth in 2029.
2. It will be launched by the European Space Agency.

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. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Islamic</i>	<i>Signify</i>
<i>Architecture</i>	

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|-----------|--|
| 1. Mihrab | : a short flight of steps used as a platform by a preacher in a mosque |
| 2. Qibla  | : the wall of the mosque in the direction of Mecca                     |
| Liwan     |  |
| 3. Mimbar | : prayer niche indicating the direction of Mecca                       |

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, 2 and 3

17. In the context of Indian rock art, how do the styles of the Lakhudiyar and Bhimbetka paintings differ in terms of subject matter and artistic techniques?

- (a) Lakhudiyar paintings are known for their use of natural dyes, whereas Bhimbetka paintings employ synthetic colors.
- (b) Lakhudiyar focuses on geometric patterns and simple stick-like human figures, while Bhimbetka depicts a wide variety of scenes including hunting, dancing, and household activities.
- (c) Lakhudiyar depicts scenes from Hindu mythology, whereas Bhimbetka focuses on Buddhist themes.
- (d) Bhimbetka paintings use only white and red colors, whereas Lakhudiyar paintings use a wide range of colors including white, yellow, red ochre, purple, brown, green, and black.

18. Which of the following best explains the concept of "Samsara", a key concept in Hindu religion and philosophy?

- (a) The cycle of birth, death, and rebirth
- (b) The ultimate liberation from suffering
- (c) The cosmic dance of Lord Shiva
- (d) The state of eternal bliss (Ananda)

19. With reference to the Mauryan Empire, consider the following statements:

1. In the Mauryan Empire, the kings used the title of devaputra, meaning "son of god."
2. In the Mauryan administrative system, officials were assigned land revenue as a form of salary.
3. During the Mauryan rule, capital punishment was prohibited, even for severe crimes.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

20. The term 'Bimetallic NiFe systems,' sometimes seen in the news, is associated with:

- (a) Advanced materials for battery technology
- (b) Superconductors for quantum computing
- (c) Efficient oxygen production through water-splitting
- (d) Carbon capture and storage techniques

21. With reference to the Satavahana Dynasty, the terms 'Kataka and Skanadhavaras' pertain to:

- (a) These were officials who headed the administration in the rural area.
- (b) These were the highest grade of feudatories who had the right to strike coins.
- (c) These were military camps which served as administrative centres so long as the king was there.
- (d) These were tax-free villages granted to Brahmanas and Buddhist monks.

22. With reference to the Skill Loan Scheme introduced in the Union Budget 2024-25, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme is administered by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
2. The maximum loan amount available under the scheme is Rs. 1.5 lakh.
3. Loans up to Rs. 50,000 have a repayment period of up to 5 years.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

23. Consider the following pairs regarding the various inscriptions from ancient India:

<i>Inscription</i>	<i>Description</i>
1. Rabatak inscription	: Provides the reference to three generations of Chera ruler
2. Hathigumpha inscription	: Earliest epigraphic reference to image worship in Jainism
3. Pugalur inscription	: Mentions about the kinship and extent of the Kanishka empire

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair  
(b) Only two pairs  
(c) All three pairs  
(d) None of the pairs
24. Which of the following best describes "Parallel Cinema" in Indian Cinema?
- (a) A movement characterized by highly commercialized, formulaic films with a focus on entertainment and box office success.  
(b) A genre that primarily revolves around fantasy and mythical storytelling with elaborate visual effects.  
(c) A style of filmmaking known for its exaggerated action sequences and star-centric narratives.  
(d) A movement characterized by realistic narratives, often addressing social issues, with a focus on strong, character-driven stories.

25. A school of sculpture developed during the Gupta period. It was characterised by the use of cream coloured sandstone and the use of metal. The sculptures of this school were immaculately dressed and lacked any form of nakedness. The halo around the head of Buddha was intricately decorated." Which of the following schools of art is mentioned in the above passage?

- (a) Gandhara School  
(b) Mathura School  
(c) Sarnath School  
(d) Amaravati School

26. The Kayasthas in medieval Indian history were primarily known for their role as:

- (a) Warriors  
(b) Priests  
(c) Scribes  
(d) Traders

27. Consider the following pairs regarding Harappan cities with the rivers they are located along:

<i>Harappan Site</i>	<i>River</i>
1. Chanhudaro	: Indus
2. Kalibangan	: Ghaggar
3. Banawali	: Luni

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
28. 'Kindlin proteins' recently seen in the news is related to:
- (a) Wound healing processes  
(b) Organ transplants  
(c) Immune system suppression  
(d) Cancer treatment pathways

29. Which ruler of the Gurjara-Pratihara dynasty extended his rule over a large part of North India and made Kannauj his capital, leading to a conflict with Dharamapala, the Pala King of Bengal and Bihar?
- (a) Nagabhatta I
  - (b) Vatsaraja
  - (c) Mihir Bhoja
  - (d) Nagabhatta II
30. Consider the following ragas:
1. Sindhu Bhairavi
  2. Todi
  3. Khambaj
- How many of the above are the ragas of Hindustani Music?
- (a) Only one
  - (b) Only two
  - (c) All three
  - (d) None
31. Which of the following statement explains the terms "Kizhar, Velir, and Vendar" associated with the Sangam age:
- (a) These were different units for the administration
  - (b) These were divisions of land according to their peculiar characteristics
  - (c) These were terms related to different types of taxes
  - (d) These were different levels of rulers
32. Consider the following statements regarding the Project PARI launched by the Ministry of Culture:
1. It aims to showcase public art inspired by centuries of heritage with contemporary themes and techniques.
  2. It is executed by the Archaeological Survey of India and the National Museum.
- 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
33. The concept of "Anekantavada" (reality is one and the same for all, but the experience of reality varies depending on one's viewpoint) is emphasized by which of the following Indian Philosophy?
- (a) Advaita Vedanta
  - (b) Samkhya
  - (c) Jainism
  - (d) Nyaya
34. Consider the following statements regarding equity mutual funds:
1. It aims to increase value over time by investing in securities that generate fixed income such as treasury bills.
  2. It usually offers high returns but also has higher risk and costs than debt mutual funds.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
35. With reference to Down Syndrome, consider the following statements:
- Statement I: It is an inherited genetic disorder that can only be passed from parents to their offspring.
- Statement II: It is caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21 due to abnormal cell division.
- 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 explains Statement-I
  - (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
  - (c) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect
  - (d) Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct



36. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Gaur:

1. It is listed under Schedule I of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.
2. It is only found in evergreen forests.

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding the Amara-Nayaka system of the Vijayanagara empire administration:

1. It was similar to the Iqta system practiced by the Delhi sultanate.
2. Nayakas were responsible for the expansion of agriculture in their territories.
3. The Nayakas belonged to different castes.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

38. Alauddin Khalji had the largest standing army among all the Delhi rulers, to maintain it, which of the following reforms were introduced by him?

1. He paid his soldiers with land grants.
2. He introduced a branding system (dagh) for horses.
3. To control hoarding he registered the banjaras to have a check upon them.
4. He reduced the land revenue to a quarter of the produce.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

39. With reference to the Rashtrakuta dynasty, consider the following statements:

1. Indra III defeated the Pratihara ruler Mahipala and sacked Kanauj.
2. Krishna III defeated the Chola king, Prantaka I and annexed the northern part of the Chola empire.
3. Govinda III led an expedition against Nagabhata of Kanauj and annexed Malwa.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

40. With reference to the technological changes brought under Delhi Sultanate, consider the following statements:

1. Manufacturing of paper
2. Introduction of the spinning-wheel for improvement in textiles production
3. Introduction of superior mortar enabled them to erect magnificent buildings

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

41. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Paintings</i>		<i>States</i>
1. Patachitra	:	Odisha
2. Madhubani	:	Bihar
3. Pithora	:	Gujarat

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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



42. Consider the following classes of travelers:

1. Ralph Fitch
2. Monserrate
3. Francois Bernier

How many of the above travelers visited the court of Akbar?

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

43. Consider the following statements regarding Mihira Bhoja who is said to be the greatest ruler of the Pratihara dynasty:

1. His territories extended to the western side of the river Sutlej.
2. An Arabian scholar Sulaiman visiting during his reign.
3. He was a contemporary of the famous Rashtrakuta ruler Amoghavarsha.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements regarding the Shigella:

1. It is an intestinal infection caused by a bacterium.
2. Vaccine against Shigella is a part of the immunization schedule for infants in India

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following pairs related to places that held importance during the Sultanate period:

<i>Old Name/Region</i>	<i>Present Area/ Located in</i>
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|-------------|----------|
| 1. Tirhut   | : Bihar  |
| 2. Kamrup   | : Assam  |
| 3. Jajnagar | : Odisha |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

46. Lahri Bandar was a historical medieval port city located at the mouth of which river?

- (a) Krishna
- (b) Kaveri
- (c) Indus
- (d) Tungabhadra

47. 'Chinese Jhalaar' sometimes seen in the news is a/an:

- (a) invasive aquatic fern
- (b) exotic beetle
- (c) type of LED light
- (d) native freshwater fish

48. He was a 17th century poet-saint born in Maharashtra who tried to foster Hindu-Muslim unity. He was a contemporary of Shivaji and saints like Eknath and Ramdas. In his early life he was a trader, then he started singing devotional songs in the praise of Lord Vithoba. He believed in a formless god, rejected vedic sacrifices and idol worship. He wrote his abhangas in Marathi.

Which of the following Bhakti saints has been described in the passage given above?

- (a) Namadeva
- (b) Tukaram
- (c) Jnanadeva
- (d) Ravidas

49. Consider the following architectural structures
1. The Kailasanath temple
  2. The Rameshvara Cave
  3. Vishwakarma Cave
  4. Dashavatar temple

How many of the above are part the Ellora Cave complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

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

50. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Dynasty</i>	<i>Style of architecture</i>
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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Slave dynasty   | : Seljuk style |
| 2. Tughlaq dynasty | : Batter style |
| 3. Khilji dynasty  | : Mamluk style |

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

51. The Moroccan traveller Ibn Battuta visited Delhi during the reign of which Sultan?

- (a) Alauddin Khalji
- (b) Balban
- (c) Iltutmish
- (d) Muhammad bin Tughlaq

52. Consider the following statements regarding Agarwood:

1. It is a critically endangered species that is found in tropical rainforests.
2. The bark of the Agarwood tree is highly aromatic and can be used in incense, perfumes, and medicine.

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

53. The Pashupati seal, an iconic artifact of the Indus Valley Civilization, features a central figure surrounded by various animals. Which of the following animals are depicted on the Pashupati seal?

1. Tiger
2. Buffalo
3. Lion
4. Cow
5. Antelope
6. Rhinoceros

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (b) 1, 2, 5 and 6 only
- (c) 3, 4, and 6 only
- (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only

54. According to the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020, which of the following details must be included on the package label?

1. Ingredient list
2. Country of origin
3. Food allergy information
4. Food recall information

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

55. Consider the following pairs regarding different types of taxes during the Gupta period:

<i>Taxes</i>	<i>Nature</i>
1. Kara	: A periodic tax levied on the villagers
2. Udianga	: Different kinds of cess for maintenance of rites for the winds and the spirit
3. Klipta	: Related to the sale and purchase of lands
4. Vata– Bhuta tax	: A form of police tax for the maintenance of police stations

Which of the following pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

56. Consider the following classes of traders:

- 1. Bohra
- 2. Banik
- 3. Banjaras

How many of the above are specialized in trade?

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

57. Which reference to the Chandipura virus infection, which one of the following statements **not** correct?

- (a) It is caused by an RNA virus.
- (b) It can be contagious and transferred from humans to humans.
- (c) It primarily affects children.
- (d) It is primarily transmitted through sandfly bites.

58. With reference to the Mauryan architecture, consider the following statements:

- 1. Wood was the principal building material in the palaces.
- 2. The pillars were made up of a single piece of stone.
- 3. Ashokan pillars were usually made of Chunar sandstone.

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

59. Consider the following statements regarding the distinguishing characteristics of Hindustani classical music compared to Carnatic music:

- 1. Hindustani classical music places a greater emphasis on improvisation during the performance.
- 2. Performances in Hindustani classical music typically start with a Kriti.
- 3. It predominantly uses Tabla as the main percussion instrument.

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

60. It is located in Kashmir and was built in 8th century AD under the aegis of Karkota Dynasty. It is considered to be a synthesis of various schools of architecture. There are Gandhara, Chinese and Gupta influences on the monuments. The main temple has a pyramidal top and carvings of gods like Vishnu, river goddess Ganga and Yamuna, and Sun God. Which of the following temple is mentioned in the above passage?

- (a) Konark Sun Temple
- (b) Pandrethan Temple
- (c) Avantisvamin temple
- (d) Martand Sun Temple

61. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Theatre form</i>	<i>Associated state</i>
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1. Bhand Pather	: Jammu and Kashmir
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2. Krishnattam	: Kerala
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3. Therukoothu	: Tamil Nadu
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How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

62. "A prestigious form of silk weaving originating from Patan. Renowned for its intricate double ikat technique and known for its geometric patterns and vibrant colors. It was historically patronized by the Mughal and Maratha courts."

Which of the following traditional weaves is mentioned in the above passage?

- (a) Patola
- (b) Paithani
- (c) Pashmina
- (d) Chikan

63. 'Snowblind' a malware, recently seen in the news, is a/an:

- (a) Android-targeting banking Trojan.
- (b) computer virus affecting Windows operating systems.
- (c) ransomware targeting critical infrastructure.
- (d) advanced persistent threat used for cyber espionage.

64. Consider the following statements regarding the Iberian style of architecture:

- 1. The Iberian style of architecture is primarily associated with the Portuguese advent, in India.
- 2. Church of St. Anne in Goa and Diu Fort are some notable constructions of this style.

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding the Indo-Gothic style of architecture:

- 1. It blends Indian and Persian elements.
- 2. It features pointed arches, large windows, and elaborate decorations.
- 3. Victoria Memorial in Kolkata and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai are prime examples of the Indo-Gothic style.

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

66. Consider the following statements regarding the society during the Sangam age:

- 1. The four-fold classification was a prominent feature of the Sangam age society
- 2. The women were mostly confined to household work and very rarely engaged in economic activities

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

67. With reference to Chola administration, consider the following pairs:

<i>Types of land</i>	<i>Description</i>
1. Vellanvagai	: Land donated to Jaina institutions
2. Shalabhoga	: Land for maintenance of a school
3. Pallichchhandam	: Land of non-Brahmana peasant proprietors

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

68. Consider the following statements regarding Kuchipudi:

- 1. It traditionally consisted of only male dancers.
- 2. Dance performed on edge of brass plate is a feature of Kuchipudi.
- 3. At present, it is performed in solo form only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69. In the context of Bahamani kingdom, consider the following pairs:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Function</i>
1. Vakil-us-saltana	: Lieutenant of the kingdom
2. Amir-i-jumla	: Minister of Foreign Affairs
3. Wasir-i-ashraf	: Minister of Finance

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

70. The terms *langala*, *sira*, *datra* found in the Rig Veda are related to which of the following?

- (a) Categories of land deployed for various purposes.
- (b) Generic term for different types of cereals.
- (c) Fertility Gods for good harvest.
- (d) Implements used in agricultural activity.

71. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. Ghusal Khana: private consultation chamber
- 2. Madad-i-maash: charitable lands
- 3. Mir Saman: oversaw the judicial department

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

72. Which of the following is the primary objective of NASA's CHAPEA project?
- To develop advanced propulsion systems
  - To study human behavior and performance in space missions
  - To create new space habitats
  - To study the for moons of Jupiter
73. Consider the following statements regarding the Rashtrakuta dynasty:
- The Rashtrakuta rules primarily patronized Buddhism.
  - They were liberals and allowed Muslim traders to settle and preach Islam.
  - The rules of succession were fixed.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
74. The 'Semaglutide and tirzepatide', recently seen in the news is related to:
- enhancement in muscle growth
  - weight control
  - improving cardiovascular health
  - regulate insulin production in diabetes
75. It is the most devotional dance form among all classical dances of India. The central theme of it is the love stories of Krishna and Radha. Lasya is given more importance than Tandava. Focus on devotion rather than sensuality is its key feature. Rasleelas, Sankirtana, and Thang-ta are the most popular themes.
- Which of the following dance forms is described in the above paragraph?
- Sattriya
  - Manipuri
  - Mohiniyattam
  - Bharatanatyam

76. During the later Vedic period, Kings performed various rituals to increase their influence. In this context, consider the following pairs regarding the later Vedic rituals and their meaning:

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- Rajasuya : Chariot race
- Asvamedha : Horse sacrifice
- Vajpeya : Consecration Ceremony

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None
77. In the context of the cultural history of India, the 'Urs' festival is celebrated to commemorate the contributions of:
- Sufi traditions
  - Zoroastrian tradition
  - Jain traditions
  - Buddhist monks
78. Consider the following statements regarding the influence of Indo-Islamic culture on Indian music and dance:
- Tansen, a prominent musician in Akbar's court, is credited with significant contributions to Hindustani classical music.
  - Kathak dance, which originated in northern India, was influenced by Persian and Mughal culture.
  - The sitar, an Indian musical instrument, has its roots in Persian musical traditions.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- Only one
  - Only two
  - All three
  - None

79. Consider the following statements regarding Duh-Aspah Sih-Aspah system:

1. It allows nobles to have more troopers without raising their Zat rank.
2. It was introduced by the Jahangir.

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

80. Who was the author of a famous book called "Kitab-i-Nauras"?

- (a) Muhammad Quli Qutub Shah
- (b) Ibrahim Adil Shah II
- (c) Ali Adil Shah
- (d) Shah Jahan

81. With reference to "Enemy Property" in India, consider the following statements:

1. It refers to properties of former Indian citizens who now hold Pakistani, Chinese, or Bangladeshi citizenship.
2. The properties classified as enemy property are managed by the Custodian of Enemy Property for India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. Which of the following statements about the Megalithic culture in India are correct?

1. Megalithic structures in India are predominantly found in the southern and northeastern regions.
2. Dolmens and menhirs are examples of megalithic structures found in India.
3. Megalithic sites in India are exclusively burial sites with no evidence of commemorative or ritualistic purposes.
4. Artifacts such as pottery, iron tools, and ornaments have been found at megalithic sites in India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

83. According to Natyashastra, the two basic elements of dance are:

- (a) Nritya and Natya
- (b) Lasya and Tandava
- (c) Nritya and Nritya
- (d) Abhinaya and Rasa

84. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Embroidery</i>	<i>State/UT</i>
1. Nakshi Kantha	: West Bengal
2. Kashidakari	: Rajasthan
3. Zari Zardoji	: Uttar Pradesh

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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



85. Which of the following statements best describes the term 'Olympic Order'?
- (a) It is highest accolade awarded by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for exceptional service.
  - (b) It is a set of rules and obligations that the countries must follow in order to maintain discipline throughout the event.
  - (c) It is a declaration of sportsmanship that each participant or player must abide by while competing in the games.
  - (d) It is a judgement or decree that is passed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in case of any conflict.

86. Baneshwar fair is the main festival of which of the following tribes?
- (a) Gond
  - (b) Santhal
  - (c) Munda
  - (d) Bhil

87. Consider the following personalities:

1. Tyagaraja
2. Muthuswami Dikshitar
3. Annamacharya
4. Shyama Shastri
5. Purandara Dasa

Which of the above personalities are part of the "Trinity of Carnatic music"?

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

88. Which of the following are the features of Indo-Islamic architecture?

1. Trabeate style
2. Use of calligraphy
3. Jaali works
4. Arcuate style

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

89. Which of the following is a criterion evolved by the government to determine the declaration of a language as a classical language?

- (a) The literary tradition of a classical language should be original and not borrowed from another speech community.
- (b) Classical languages are not required to have ancient texts or literature considered a valuable heritage.
- (c) The language must have been in continuous use from ancient times to the present.
- (d) Classical languages must have a strong influence on modern international languages.

90. With reference to the New Pension Scheme 'VATSALYA' proposed in the Union Budget 2024-25, consider the following statements:

1. It allows parents and guardians to open a National Pension Scheme account for minors up to age 18.
2. It provides a method to withdraw 60% of the accumulated corpus at retirement.
3. It automatically converts into a standard NPS account at the age of 21.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

91. Which of the following elements in Gandhara art reflects Greco-Roman influence?
1. The realistic and naturalistic portrayal of human figures, particularly the Buddha.
  2. The use of materials like marble and granite.
  3. The depiction of the Buddha in various mudras.
- 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
92. With reference to the DIGIPIN system introduced by the Department of Post, consider the following statements:
1. It is designed to remain unchanged despite modifications in state names, localities, or road networks.
  2. DIGIPIN codes are based on a combination of 16 alphanumeric symbols.
  3. The system only addresses locations on the Indian mainland and excludes maritime areas.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one  
(b) Only two  
(c) All three  
(d) None
93. With reference to the general characteristics of Bhakti movement, which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding Bhakti Movement?
- (a) Many bhakti reformers preached the principles of monotheism or the oneness of god.  
(b) They believed in freedom from the cycle of life and death.  
(c) They unanimously believed in keeping fasts.  
(d) They denounced caste system which divided people according to their birth.

94. The philosophical basis of Sikhism centers around the concept of "Ik Onkar," which signifies:
- (a) The unity of all religions  
(b) The belief in multiple gods and goddesses  
(c) The oneness of God and creation  
(d) The concept of karma and reincarnation
95. Consider the following statements regarding the Vijayanagara Kingdom:
1. They adopted the emblem of the Hoysalas, the boar, or varaha as their royal insignia.
  2. The rule of promigenerature was not established in the Vijayanagara kingdom.
- 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 regarding a traditional folk theatre form:
1. It was created by the Vaishnava saint Guru Shankardev in the 16th century.
  2. The performances begin in Sanskrit and then transition into Brajboli or Assamese.
  3. It is staged at Xatras (monasteries) and Namghars in Assam to propagate religious messages.
- Which of the following folk theatre forms is described in the above statements?
- (a) Bhaona  
(b) Swang  
(c) Maach  
(d) Dashavata

**97.** In the context of the cultural history of India, the terms Chenda, Chengila, and Shanku signify:

- (a) Traditional Indian musical instruments
- (b) Types of Indian folk theatre
- (c) Ancient Indian architectural styles
- (d) Ancient Indian weapons

**98.** Consider the following statements regarding the Shivaji:

1. Shivaji preferred to give revenue grants to his soldiers.
2. He abolished the Zamindari system.

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

**99.** With reference to the Harappan Architecture, consider the following statements:

1. Large monumental constructions, such as ruler's palaces can be found in the upraised citadel.
2. Houses in the lower part of the city, had private wells and bathrooms and are properly ventilated.
3. Harppans placed the highest value on personal and public hygiene.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**100.** Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Makhana (Fox Nut) is primarily grown in the states of Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam.

Statement-II: Makhana cultivation requires a cold and dry climate with temperatures ranging from 5°C to 10°C.

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 explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect
- (d) Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct