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| Book No  11. | Q.No  11. | Actual Answer  A. | Question  Match the following (CDS 2001)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | List I  (Literary work) | List II  (Author) | | 1. Gatha Saptasati 2. Mahabhashya 3. Kalpasutra 4. Katantra | 1. Bhadrabahu  2. Hala  3. Sarvarman  4. Patanjali | | |
| Choices  Codes  A B C D  (a) 2 4 1 3  (b) 1 3 2 4  (c) 1 4 2 3  (d) 2 3 1 4 | | | |

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| Book No  12. | Q.No  12. | Actual Answer  B. | Question  Which of the following was/were not related to Buddha’s life?  1. Kanthaka  2. Alara Kalama  3. Channa  4. Goshala Maskariputra  Select the correct answer using the codes given below (IAS 2013) | |
| Choices   1. Only 1 2. Only 4 3. 1 and 2 4. 3 and 4 | | | |

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| Book No  13. | Q.No  13. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Which of the following is correctly matched?  List I List II  1. Gayatri mantra : Rigveda  2. Grihya and Dharma Sutras : Kalpa Vedangas  3. God Aswin : Protector of conjugal love and life  Select the correct answer using the codes given below | |
| Choices   1. 1 and 2 2. 1 and 3 3. 2 and 3 4. All of these | | | |

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| Book No  15. | Q.No  14. | Actual Answer  A. | Question  Statement I There was great exodus of Jaina monks under the leadership of Bhadrabahu to the Deccan following severe famine in the Ganga valley towards the end of Chandragupta’ s reign. Statement II Chandragupta Maurya Joined the jaina order as a monk. ( IBPS PO 2012) |
| Choices   1. Both the statement are true and statement II is the correct explanation of statement I 2. Both the statements are true, but statement II is not the correct explanation of statement I. 3. Statement I is true, but Statement II is false 4. Statement I is false, but Statement II is true. | | | |

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| Book No  16. | Q.No  15. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Which of the following kingdoms did not appear in the later-Vedic North India? |
| Choices   1. Kuru Panchala 2. Kosala 3. Kashi 4. Anga | | | |

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| Book No  17. | Q.No  16. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Which one of the following scripts of ancient India was written from right to left? |
| Choices   1. Brahmi 2. Nandnagari 3. Sharada 4. Kharoshti | | | |

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| Directions: *In the question given below are two statements labelled as Assertion (A) Reason (R). In the context of the two statements, which of the following is correct?* | | | |
| Book No  18. | Q.No  17. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  Assertion (A) The Gandhara School of Art bears the mark of Hellenistic influence. Reason (R) Hinayana from was influenced by that art. |
| Choices  Codes   1. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A 2. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A 3. A is true, but R is false 4. A is false, but R is true | | | |

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| Book No  19. | Q.No  18. | Actual Answer  B. | Question  Which Vedic text refers to money lending? |
| Choices   1. Atharvaveda 2. Satapatha Brahmana 3. Yajurveda 4. Gopatha Brahmana | | | |

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| Book No  20. | Q.No  19. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Which one among the following is not true with regard to Rigveda Samhita? |
| Choices   1. There are about 300 non-Indo-European words in Rigveda (NDA 2011) 2. There is a reference to dasarajna (battle of ten kings) in the Rigveda 3. It is mentioned in the Rigveda that the Bharata chief Sudas fought against a confederacy of ten tribes 4. Purus sided with Bharata in the battle of ten kings | | | |

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| Book No  21. | Q.No  20. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  The 40-year war between ancient Aryan king Divodas and Shambar resulted in the defeat of (IFS 1993) |
| Choices   1. Sakas 2. Khasas 3. Kirats 4. Kinnars | | | |

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| Book No  22. | Q.No  21. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  Which one of the following four Vedas contains an account of magical charms and spells? (IAS 2004) |
| Choices   1. Rigveda 2. Yajurveda 3. Atharvaveda 4. Samaveda | | | |

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| Book No  23. | Q.No  22. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  The term ‘Yavanapriya’ mentioned in ancient Sanskrit texts denoted (IAS 1995) |
| Choices   1. a fine variety of Indian Muslim 2. ivory 3. damsels sent to the Greek court for dance performance 4. pepper | | | |

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| Book No  24. | Q.No  23. | Actual Answer  A. | Question  The themes of the murals of the Ajanta Caves are  1. decorative designs which include a variety of animals, trees and flowers.  2. portraits of various Buddhas and Bodhisattvas.  3. narrative scenes portraying Jataka stories.  Select the correct answer using the codes given below (NDA2011) |
| Choices   1. 1, 2 and 3 2. 2 and 3 3. 1 and 3 4. 1 and 2 | | | |

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| Book No  25. | Q.No  24. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  Which of the following statements regarding Rigvedic women is not correct? |
| Choices   1. They could attend assemblies and offer sacrifices along with their husband 2. Some unmarried women offered sacrifices on their own 3. Women could occupy the highest positions of authority 4. Women often chose their partners | | | |

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| Book No  26. | Q.No  25. | Actual Answer  B. | Question  The Purushsukta, which refers to the origin of caste, is found in the (CDS 2003) |
| Choices   1. Atharvaveda 2. Rigveda 3. Samaveda 4. Yajurveda | | | |

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| Book No  27. | Q.No  26. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Which one of the following is not true regarding the swastika **卐** symbol? |
| Choices   1. The swastika appears to be not only prevedic but also pre-Harappan in origin 2. The swastika spread from Elam and Baluchistan to the Indus valley and Turkmenistan 3. Around 800 BC, the symbol appears as a decorative piece on PGW used for domestic purpose 4. It is an exclusively Aryan symbol | | | |

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| Book No  28. | Q.No  27. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  The Rigvedic God Varuna was (CDS 2002) |
| Choices   1. harbinger of peace 2. destroyer of foes 3. guardian of the cosmic order 4. God of prosperity | | | |

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| Book No  29. | Q.No  28. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Which of the following is correctly matched?  1. Aitareya : For the first time mentions Brahmana a story related to the origin of kingship  2. Jabala : For the first time mentions Upanishad about all the four ashrams  3. Satapatha : Refers the kings as Brahmana Rastrabhrita  4. Atharvaveda : For the first time refers to the term sthapti  Select the correct answer using the codes given below |
| Choices   1. 1 and 3 2. 1, 2 and 3 3. 2, 3 and 4 4. All of these | | | |

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| Book No  30. | Q.No  29. | Actual Answer  A. | Question  Which of the following statements regarding the later vedic age is not correct? |
| Choices   1. It was a fully monetised peasant society and a full fledged class based society 2. Exchange of goods especially gifts and expensive rituals formed a part of later vedic society 3. In the major part of later vedic period ritualism and ritualistic class grew rapidly 4. The tribal militia of the Rigvedic society was replaced by the peasant militia of later vedic society | | | |

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| Book No  31. | Q.No  30. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  Which the following pairs is not correctly matched? |
| Choices   1. Rigveda : Aitarya and Kaushitaki Upanishad 2. Samaveda : Chhandogya and Kena Upanishads 3. Shukla : Katha and Svetasvatara Yajurveda Upanishad 4. Atharvaved : Prasna and Mundaka Upanishads | | | |

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| Book No  32. | Q.No  31. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  Which of the following social practice was not pursued during the Vedic period? |
| Choices   1. People could change their occupations 2. Inter caste marriages were allowed 3. Food cooked by the shudras was not taken 4. Sati or self immolation upon death of husband, was not known | | | |

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| Book No  33. | Q.No  32. | Actual Answer  A. | Question  Match the following   |  |  | | --- | --- | | List I  (Vedic Name) | List II  (River) | | 1. Vitasta 2. Asikni 3. Parusni 4. Satadru 5. Vipasa | 1. Ravi  2. Chenab  3. Jhelum  4. Beas  5. Sutlej | |
| Choices  Codes  A B C D E  (a) 3 2 1 5 4  (b) 1 3 4 5 2  (c) 5 4 2 3 1  (d) 3 2 5 1 4 | | | |

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| Book No  34. | Q.No  33. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Match the following   |  |  | | --- | --- | | List I  (Era) | List II  (Reckoned from) | | 1. Vikrama era 2. Saka era 3. Gupta era 4. Kali era | 1. 3102 BC  2. AD 320  3. AD 78  4. 58 BC  5. AD 248 | |
| Choices  Codes  A B C D  (a) 2 4 5 1  (b) 1 3 2 4  (c) 4 5 2 3  (d) 4 3 2 1 | | | |

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| Book No  35. | Q.No  34. | Actual Answer  B. | Question  Which is the correct meaning of the term rule of primogeniture’? (NDA/NA 2012) |
| Choices   1. Favourite son inhiting his father’s estat 2. Eidest son inheriting his father’s estate 3. Division of the inheritance amongst all the sons 4. Divisions of the inheritance amongst all the sons and daughters | | | |

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| Book No  36. | Q.No  35. | Actual Answer  C. | Question  Which one of the following was initially the most powerful city State of India in the 6th century BC? |
| Choices   1. Gandhar 2. Kamboj 3. Kashi 4. Magadh | | | |

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| Book No  37. | Q.No  36. | Actual Answer  D. | Question  Which one of the following was a corporation of merchants in ancient India? |
| Choices   1. Parishad 2. Chaturvedimangalam 3. Ashtadikgaja 4. Manigrama | | | |

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| Book No  38. | Q.No  37. | Actual Answer  A. | Question  The river most mentioned in early Vedic literature is |
| Choices   1. Sindhu 2. Sutudri 3. Saraswati 4. Ganga | | | |

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| Book No  40. | Q.No  38. | Actual Answer  A. | Question  The famous grammarian Panini hailed from which of the following mahajanapadas? |
| Choices   1. Gandhara 2. Kamboja 3. Vatsa 4. Avanti | | | |