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1. Consider the following statements regarding Pietra Dura:
1. It is a style of ornamentation that came into existence during the regnal years of Shah Jahan.
  2. This style carves floral designs made of semi-precious stones on to the walls of monuments.
  3. This style of ornamentation was extensively used on to the walls of Taj Mahal.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3  
(d) 1 and 3 only
2. What is common to the sites - Eran, Gilund and Kayatha?
- (a) Sites associated with the chalcolithic phase in India.  
(b) Major political centres of the mahajanapada period.  
(c) Urban cities of the Gupta period.  
(d) Port settlements in ancient India.
3. Consider the following statements regarding the Rig Vedic society:
1. Women attended assemblies and performed rituals of sacrifice.
  2. Widow remarriage was strictly prohibited.
  3. Child marriage was widely prevalent during the Rigvedic period.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 2 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

4. Consider the following statements with respect to SARAL index:
1. Its objective is to rank the states based on the quality of higher education.
  2. It was launched by NITI Aayog.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Which of the following is the objective of the campaign Angikaar?
- (a) To create awareness among people regarding organ donation  
(b) To mobilize youth to actively participate in the election process  
(c) To promote social behavioural change by encouraging adoption of a series of wholesome lifestyle choices  
(d) To create awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding
6. Consider the following differences between the *Chauth* and *Sardeshmukhi*:
1. While *Chauth* was collected for the neighbouring territories of the Deccan sultanates, *Sardeshmukhi* was collected for the territories within the Maratha Kingdom.
  2. The *Chauth* and *Sardeshmukhi* amounted to *four percent and ten percent* of the land revenue assessment respectively.
- 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

7. With reference to the Telugu literature in medieval India, consider the following statements

1. Telugu literature forms a part of the Sangam texts.
2. It reached its peak during Chola empire.
3. Amukta Malyada is a rich collection of Telugu poetry written by Krishnadevaraya.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. With reference to the scripts used in pre-historic and ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. The Harappan script is a pictographic script which is yet to be deciphered.
2. Brahmi script is written from right to left while Kharoshti script is written from left to right.
3. Greek and Aramaic scripts were used in writing Ashokan inscriptions in Afghanistan.

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

9. *It was a short-lived style of watercolour painting produced in the 19th century in Eastern India. It usually depicted popular Hindu deities, but scenes of contemporary life are also found. Though its themes were urban, the artists were rural migrants living in the surrounding villages. A typical theme in the painting shows Yashoda with baby Krishna. Famous artist Matisse and Picasso were influenced by its simplicity and boldness.*

The above passage best describes which of the following School of Indian folk painting?

- (a) Patua
- (b) Kalighat
- (c) Paitkar
- (d) Manjusha

10. With reference to the trade and commerce during the Mughal rule, consider the following statements:

1. Water transportation was widely used for the movement of bulk goods.
2. Food and textile products were the most important component of inter-regional trade.

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. In the context of cultural history of India, the terms *ghatikas* and *matha* refers to:

- (a) traditional pottery works
- (b) educational institutions
- (c) poetic literary compositions
- (d) commercial centers of trade and commerce

12. Consider the following statements regarding Dhrupad:

1. It is a form of Hindustani classical music.
2. Its lyrics are usually in the dialects of Hindi called Awadhi and Brij Bhasha.
3. Tansen was one of the most famous dhrupad singers.

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

13. Consider the following statements about saint Basavanna:

1. He belonged to the Vaishnavait sect.
2. He was a contemporary of the Vaishnavite saint Ramanujan.
3. The famous 'vachhanas' of Basavanna talked about welfare state.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

14. Consider the following cities and the corresponding dynasties under which they were founded:

City	Founded by
1. Jaunpur	: Khalji Dynasty
2. Agra	: Lodhi Dynasty
3. Hisar	: Tughlaq Dynasty

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Hoysala temple architecture:

1. Hoysala temples were constructed in Vesara style.
2. The temples are laid out in a star-like pattern.
3. They have plain walls with no carvings.

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

16. Consider the following statements regarding Rig Vedic age:

1. During the Rig Vedic age, king was elected by tribal assembly called samiti.
2. A standing army under the military commander was maintained by king during the period.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

17. Which of the following was/were introduced by Akbar in India?

1. Assessment of revenue on the basis of measurement of land
2. A strong navy
3. Policy of matrimonial alliances

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

18. *This school of philosophy forms a part of vedic philosophy. It talks about systematic release of purusha from prakriti and admits the existence of God as a teacher and guide. It includes the element of yama, niyam, asana, dharna, pratyahara and Samadhi.*

Which of the following Schools of Indian philosophy is most accurately described by the above statements?

- (a) Nyaya
- (b) Vaisheshika
- (c) Yoga
- (d) Vedanta

19. Which among the following statements regarding the Satavahana is/are **not** correct?
1. Satavahana rulers started the practice of rewarding and paying officers with land grants.
  2. Coins bearing the names and images of rulers were issued for the first time by the Satavahana rulers.
- 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
20. Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) has been actively engaged in promoting India's soft power. Consider the following statements with reference to ICCR.
1. It is an attached body under the Ministry of Culture.
  2. It is mandated to facilitate the celebration of International Yoga day since 2015
- 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
21. Which of the following statements is **not** correct regarding the Digambara sect of Jainism?
- (a) Digambara monks do not wear clothes as they believe it increases the dependency and desire for material things.
  - (b) They believed that both men and women can attain salvation/moksha.
  - (c) They believe that Mahavira remained unmarried.
  - (d) Suttapahuda text contains the earliest record of the beliefs of Digambaras.

22. *This Indian painter is best known for uniting Hindu mythological subject matter with European realist historicist painting style. He/She was one of the first Indian artists to use oil paints and master the art of lithographic reproduction of his/her work. The depictions of Hindu deities and episodes from the epics and Puranas was a major theme of his/her work. Some of the famous works by the artist include Harischandra in Distress, Jatayu Vadha, Shakuntala.*
- Which of the following Indian artists is being described in the above passage?
- (a) Amrita Shergil  
(b) Jaimini Roy  
(c) Raja Ravi Varma  
(d) Abanindranath Tagore
23. In the context of medieval history, *Moidam* refers to a:
- (a) vaulted chamber for storing grains during the time of disasters in South India.
  - (b) handmade drawing on bamboo handicrafts in North-East India
  - (c) sport played during the harvest festival in North-West India.
  - (d) vaulted chamber entombing the deceased royal in North-East India.
24. Consider the following statements with respect to Regulatory Sandbox approach:
1. It refers to the testing of new products in a controlled regulatory environment with relaxations.
  2. Recently Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the enabling framework for the regulatory sandbox for financial products.
- 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

**25.** Which of the following crafts/techniques were introduced/popularised by Turks in India?

1. Iron stirrup
2. Use of Lime mortar for building
3. Printing Press
4. Cultivation of Tobacco and Pineapple

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**26.** With reference to the development of science and technology in ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. The earliest expression of principles regarding the Pythagora's theorem were contained in Aryabhatiyam.
2. By the 2nd-century AD treatment for Kala-azar was known.
3. The concept of right and the acute angle was known by the 2nd century B.C.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**27.** Which among the following Buddhist Stupas belong to the Saka-Satavahana Period?

1. Ramabhar Stupa
2. Nagarjunakonda
3. Sanchi Stupa

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**28.** What is the correct chronological order in which the following ancient Indian texts were composed?

1. Sangam texts
2. Tipitaka
3. Tirukkural

Select the correct answer using the codes given:

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

**29.** Recently Royal Astronomical Society has defined a new class of celestial objects called 'ploonets', which are

- (a) millions of dust particles orbiting the Sun between the Mars and the Jupiter.
- (b) very small planets in distant galaxies which lose mass and get consumed by stars.
- (c) stars which revolve around bigger stars.
- (d) celestial bodies which are initially moons, but eventually move out and become independent planets.

**30.** Consider the following statements with respect to Central Wakf Council:

1. It is an executive body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
2. Secretary to the ministry of Minority Affairs is the ex-officio chairperson of the Central Waqf Council.
3. It can issue directions to the state governments to furnish information to the Council on the performance of the Wakf boards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**31.** With reference to the recently launched Project SURE, consider the following statements:

1. The project aims at making India the leading cotton apparel exporter.
2. It has been jointly launched by the Ministry of Textile and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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

**32.** In the context of Sufism, *Malfizat*, *Maktubat*, and *Tazkiras* are the

- (a) ornamentation style used in shrines of sufi saints.
- (b) sources used to reconstruct the history of sufi traditions.
- (c) titles conferred upon sufi saints.
- (d) sub-sects of sufi traditions.

**33.** '*Kutagarashala*' in the context of ancient India refers to:

- (a) a halting place where generally philosophical discussions among followers of various sects were held.
- (b) fort where the convicts for the offence of religious blasphemy were kept.
- (c) group tasked with planning and expansion of the state sponsored religious activities.
- (d) factory for the refinement of various types of spices to be exported.

**34.** Which of the following statements about the social conditions during the Gupta period is/are correct?

1. Kshatriya occupied the top position in the society as the supremacy of Brahmins began to decline.
2. Shudras were allowed to listen to religious texts.
3. Position of upper-caste women improved as they were allowed to inherit landed property.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**35.** Dragonfly Mission, often seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) protecting dragonflies due to their beneficial role in farming.
- (b) developing an advanced combat helicopter.
- (c) robotic mission to Saturn's largest moon, Titan for exploring life.
- (d) developing next generation computing processor.

**36.** Which of the following factors led to the decline of the Mughal Empire under Aurangzeb?

1. Expansionist policy towards Deccan
2. Gradual failure of the mansabdari system
3. Religious discrimination

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

37. Which of the following events happened earliest?
- (a) Shifting of capital of Magadha from Rajgriha to Patliputra.
  - (b) Vardhman Mahavira attained omniscience (kaivalya).
  - (c) Alexander invaded north-western India.
  - (d) Ashoka held the third Buddhist council.

38. *He emerged as one of the leading proponents of Vaishnavism in Assam in the late fifteenth century. His teachings, based on the Bhagavad Gita, focused on absolute surrender to the supreme deity. He encouraged the establishment of satras or monasteries for the transmission of spiritual knowledge. His major compositions include the Kirtana-ghosha.*

Who among the following is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Namdeva
- (b) Shankaracharya
- (c) Shankaradeva
- (d) Ramananda

39. Who among the following contributed to the field of medicine in ancient India?

1. Varahamihira
2. Charaka
3. Susruta
4. Vagbhata

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

40. Which of the following took place during Babur's reign?

1. Better defense against foreign invasions.
2. Strengthening of India's foreign trade.
3. Establishment of an all-India empire.
4. Large scale destruction of temples.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

41. Which of the following is/are correct regarding Sufi traditions?

1. Sufis sought an interpretation of the Qur'an on the basis of their personal experience
2. Sufis maintained austerity while maintaining absolute isolation from political power and the state.
3. A teaching master enrolled disciples and also established rules for spiritual conduct among the Sufis.

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

42. With reference to Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL), consider the following statements:

1. Its objective is to document and archive the country's languages that have become endangered or likely to be endangered in the near future.
2. This scheme was instituted by the Ministry of Culture.

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

43. Which of the following is **not** correct with reference to Aihole Inscription?

1. The inscription is located on the banks of Malprapha river in the fertile Raichur doab.
2. It is composed by poet named Ravikirti.
3. It belongs to Rashtrakuta dynasty.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

44. Consider the following statements about Mauryan King Ashoka:

1. Ashoka Dhamma's primary objective was to attract and convert people to the Buddhist religion.
2. King Ashoka appointed the special officials for the peaceful functioning of the principles of Dhamma.

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:

<i>Work</i>	<i>Author</i>
1. Ashtadhyayi	: Panini
2. Natyashastra	: Bharata
3. Dhatupatha	: Aryabhata

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

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

46. Consider the following statements with respect to the Singapore Convention on Mediation:

1. It establishes a harmonized legal framework for the right to invoke settlement agreements and effective methods of resolving trade disputes.

2. India has recently signed the convention. 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

47. Which of the following dynasties find a mention in the Ashokan inscriptions?

1. Cholas
2. Pandyas
3. Keralaputras

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

48. Which of the following is **not** one of the criteria by Sahitya Akademi for classical language status in India?

- (a) High antiquity of early texts/recorded history of over 1500 to 2000 years
- (b) Body of ancient literature/texts that is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers
- (c) original literary tradition, not borrowed from another speech community
- (d) No discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or offshoots

49. In the context of Indian medieval history, *amara*, *bhandaravada* and *manya* refers to different types of:

- (a) water harvesting methods
- (b) cropping patterns
- (c) land tenure systems
- (d) grain storage methods

50. Consider the following statements regarding the reign of Saka ruler Rudradaman:

- 1. During his reign, Sudarshan lake was built.
- 2. Early specimen of Kavya style in ancient India is found in Junagarh inscription of Rudradaman.

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

51. Consider the following statements with reference to the Ganas (or Sanghas) of ancient India:

- 1. They were mostly located in and around the fertile alluvial tracts of the middle Ganga plains.
- 2. The Brahmanical texts provided an elaborate account of the organisation and the working of these Sanghas.
- 3. The ancient Ganas (or Sanghas) were organised and functioned as democracies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Puppet form</i>	<i>State</i>
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Kathputli  | : Maharashtra |
| 2. Kundhei    | : Orissa      |
| 3. Pavakoothu | : Tamil Nadu  |

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

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

53. With reference to the recently released report 'State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, 2019', consider the following statements:

- 1. The report was prepared by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- 2. According to the report, the number of people who suffer from hunger has increased globally over the past three years.
- 3. It reported Asia as the continent with the highest prevalence of undernourishment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. Consider the following:

- 1. Recognition of existence of God
- 2. Prohibition on practice of agriculture
- 3. Complete disagreement with varna system

Which of the above is/are the feature/s of Jainism ?

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

55. Consider the following statements regarding Amir Khusrau:
1. He was a disciple of the Sufi saint Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya.
  2. He evolved a new style of music referred to as Qawwalis.
  3. He created a new form of poetry known as Sabaq-i-Hind or the Indian style.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

56. Which of the following reasons account for the shift of capital from Gulbarga to Bidar for the Bahmani Kingdom?
1. Bidar was more closely located to the Vijayanagara empire and hence provided an advantage to the Bahmani Kingdom during the conflict.
  2. Bidar was located on the banks of Krishna River and hence provided for rich fertile grounds.
  3. Bidar formed the point of convergence for the three linguistic areas namely - Marathi, Kannada, and Telugu.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

57. Consider the following statements with reference to the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in India:
1. Bihar has the highest TFR among the states in India.
  2. TFR in India has steadily declined in the last ten years.
  3. Only the Indian states south of the tropic of cancer have a TFR below the replacement level.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

58. A research team at IIT Madras has developed a script called Bharati Script. It is
- (a) a new script for English language which does not use Latin alphabets.
- (b) an AI algorithm that attempts to decipher the Harappan script.
- (c) a unified script for nine Indian languages.
- (d) a set of symbols that can be used to link codes written in different programming languages.

59. Consider the following statements regarding the Rashtrakuta dynasty:
1. They established close trade relations with the Arabs.
  2. The rock-cut Kailashnatha temple at Ellora was built by King Dantidurga of the Rashtrakuta dynasty.
  3. It was involved in a tripartite struggle with the Gurjara-Pratihara and Pala dynasties over the control of Kannauj.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 only  
(d) 2 and 3 only

60. In the context of the later Vedic period, the term 'goghna' referred to
- (a) a guest who was fed by sacrificing a cattle.
- (b) a place where men and women gathered for festive celebrations.
- (c) a ritual involving rhythmic chanting of Vedic mantras.
- (d) a person who was responsible for veterinary service to cows in the area.

61. Which of the following statements are correct regarding *Tantrism*?

1. Tantric worship is predominantly associated with the female goddess.
2. It had influences over both Hinduism as well as Buddhism
3. Tantric practices frequently ignored the authority of the Vedas.

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

62. Consider the following pairs with reference to the terms prevalent during Maratha age:

<i>Term</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
1. Majumdar	: Accountant
2. Dabir	: Master of ceremonies
3. Sari-i-naubat	: Responsible for intelligence post and household affairs
4. Waqenavis	: Senapati

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

63. Which of the following are related to Dravida style of Architecture?

1. Absence of boundary walls
2. Presence of gopuram
3. Presence of water tank

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

64. Consider the following statements regarding Bharatnatyam and Odissi dances:

1. While Bharatnatyam is completely based on Hindustani music, Odissi dance is based completely on carnatic music.
2. Tribhanga posture and hand mudras are found in Bharatnatyam and not in Odissi.
3. While Bharatnatyam originated in the temples of Tamil Nadu, Odissi dance had roots in village folk traditions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

65. Consider the following statements about the Mathura school of art:

1. It flourished under the patronage of Kushana rulers.
2. It had foreign influence.
3. It contained only Buddha images.

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

66. Consider the following statements with reference to the Neolithic period (or the New Stone Age) in India:

1. Neolithic settlements of south India are generally older than the ones in northern India.
2. People were largely dependent on hunting, fishing and gathering as cultivation had not yet begun.
3. Neolithic people used foot wheels to make pots.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

67. Consider the following statements:
1. Both Koodiyattam and Mudi yettu are traditional folk theatre forms of Kerala.
  2. While Koodiyattam depicts the story of Bhadrakali, Mudi yettu is based on Sanskrit theatre tradition.
  3. While Mudi yettu is recognised under UNESCO's list of intangible cultural heritage, Koodiyaattam is not.

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

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

68. Consider the following statements about the sites associated with the Indus Valley Civilization:

1. Chanhudaro was an important centre of craft activity and hosted a bead factory.
2. Lothal was famous for its dockyard which lies on the eastern edge of the site.
3. The city of Dholavira had a unique water harvesting and management system.

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

69. *'This Hindu temple belongs to the Karkota period of Kashmir built during the eighth and ninth centuries. This temple is built in the middle of a tank. A row of elephants at the base and a decorated doorway are the only embellishments on the shrine.'*

Which of the following temple is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Kamakhya temple
- (b) Siddheshvara Mahadeva temple
- (c) Pavapuri temple
- (d) Pandrethan temple

70. With reference to the religious history of India, consider the following statements:

1. Madhyamika and Yogacara are schools of Hinayana Buddhism.
2. Yogacara believes that the world is built by consciousness and had no reality than the dream.

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

71. Land grants became frequent from the fifth century A.D. What was/were the impact of land grants on the socio-economic conditions of Indian society?

1. It led to the expansion of land under agricultural practices.
2. It led to the proliferation of caste in Indian society.
3. It led to the spread of Tantrism in tribal societies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

72. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Guru Nanak?

1. He wished to establish a new religion distinct from both Hinduism and Islam.
2. He created the *Guru-Mukhi* script to better communicate with his disciples.
3. He established the first Sikh commune at Kartarpur.
4. He started the concept of a free community kitchen (langar) to uphold the principle of equality.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

73. Arrange the following administrative units during the time of Delhi Sultanate from the smallest to the largest unit of administration:

1. Iqtas
2. Shiqs
3. Pargana

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

74. With reference to Rajput miniature paintings, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The life of Krishna was a famous theme across various schools of Rajput paintings
2. Bani Thani is a famous work under the Bundi school of Rajput painting .
3. Nihal Chand was a famous painter associated with the Kishangarh school of Rajput paintings

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

75. Which of the following is correct regarding *Tauhid-i-ilahi*, a new faith promulgated by Akbar?

- (a) It believed in the supremacy of religious scriptures.
- (b) Only those approved by Akbar were allowed to join as a member.
- (c) It was used as a tool to assert political authority of ruler over the subjects.
- (d) The members were paid one time monetary incentive to join the order.

76. Consider the following pairs :

<i>Literary work</i>	<i>Author</i>
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|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Devichandraguptam | : Visakhadatta |
| 2. Kavyadarsa        | : Dandin       |
| 3. Kritarjuniya      | : Bharavi      |

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

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

77. Recently the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has put a ban on Colistin, an antibiotic. It was used in which of the following cases?

1. In the treatment of infections caused by Gram-negative bacilli bacteria
2. For treating Ebola.
3. As a growth promoter in poultry.

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) 3 only

78. 'A contemporary of Babur, he established his empire with its capital in Sasaram in modern-day Bihar. He is known for the reintroduction of the branding system (*dagh*) of the horses and descriptive rolls (*chehra*). The notable hindi work, *Padmavat* was compiled during his reign'.

Who among the following is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Bahlul Lodhi
- (b) Sher Shah Suri
- (c) Islam Shah
- (d) Krishna Deva Raya

79. Helium hydride ion ( $\text{HeH}^+$ ), recently in news, is
- a major by-product of nuclear fusion reactions.
  - a new rocket propellant fuel.
  - the first molecule believed to have formed after the Big Bang.
  - an efficient fuel which can replace Li-ion cells.

80. Consider the following pairs of Geographical Indications and states:

<i>Geographical Indication</i>	<i>State</i>
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- |                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Tawlhlohpuan   | : Nagaland   |
| 2. Kandangi Saree | : Tamil Nadu |
| 3. Palani         | : Kerala     |

Panchamirtham

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

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding seals of Harappan Civilization:

- Copper was the most common element used to make the seal.
- Seals were used for the identification of persons.
- Religious symbols were not found in Harappan sites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. With reference to the megalithic culture of south India, Dolmen, Cairn and Menhir are types of

- weapons used for hunting
- burial practices
- pottery
- agricultural tools

83. Consider the following statements regarding the Hoysala empire:

- It was founded by Vishnuvardhana Raya.
- They supported both the Shaivite and Vaishnavite sects of Hinduism.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

84. Tardigrades, recently seen in the news, are:

- a type of thorny flower plants endemic to the West Asia.
- near-microscopic animals which can survive in extreme pressure-temperature conditions.
- craters of large diameters found on the surface of the moon.
- rocks found in Antarctica which lie beneath thick ice masses.

85. 'Anda', 'Harmika' and 'Chhatra' were associated with which of the following?

- Rock edicts
- Chaitya
- Vihara
- Stupa

86. With respect to the mahajanapadas, consider the following pairs:

<i>Mahajanapada</i>	<i>Current Location</i>
1. Anga	: Bhagalpur
2. Magadha	: Patna
3. Kurus	: Meerut

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

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

87. With reference to the Buddhist Sanghas, consider the following statements:

- 1. Only men were allowed into Sangha.
- 2. Sangha was based on democratic principles where consensus was arrived at through discussions and voting.
- 3. The disciples had to attend fortnightly meetings of the Buddhist monastic assembly, at the times of the full moon and the new moon, to reaffirm the rules of discipline.

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

88. Which of the following characteristics is/are associated with Sattriya dance?

- 1. It is a devotional dance narrating the mythological stories of Krishna.
- 2. The dance is performed in monasteries.
- 3. Khol and flute are major accompanying instruments of this dance form.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

89. Consider the following statements with respect to the principle of non-refoulement:

- 1. It is a principle that forbids a country receiving asylum seekers from returning them to a country in which they would be in likely danger of persecution.
- 2. India is obligated to follow the non-refoulement principle as it is a signatory to the Refugee Convention of 1951.

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

90. With reference to socio-economic life during Mughal Rule, consider the following statements:

- 1. Material possessions were the primary factor in determining the position of people in rural society.
- 2. It witnessed higher urbanization than British India.
- 3. Residential areas in cities were generally segregated based upon caste and profession.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

91. The issue of reservation of Limboo and Tamang communities in the legislative assembly of a particular state is being considered by the Union Government. These communities are native to which of the following areas?

- (a) Purvanchal hills
- (b) Sikkim Himalayas
- (c) North West Himalayas
- (d) Arunachal Himalayas

**92.** Which of the following port cities of ancient India was/were situated on the Malabar Coast?

1. Arikamedu
2. Muziris
3. Kaveripattanam

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**93.** Consider the following art forms:

1. Kalbelia dance of Rajasthan
2. Manjusha Painting of Bihar
3. Chundan vallam of Kerala

Which of the above Indian art/culture are centered around the theme of snakes?

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

**94.** Which of the following initiatives was/were taken by Muhammad Bin Tughluq to promote agriculture?

1. Abolition or reduction of agrarian cesses.
2. Introduced the practice of giving agricultural loans named *Sondhar*.
3. Creation of new department of agriculture to extend the area under cultivation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**95.** With reference to Alauddin Khalji's Deccan campaigns, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The aim of these invasions was to annex the Southern Kingdoms so as to increase the territorial reach of the Delhi Sultanate.
2. The Deccan policy led to huge financial drains for the Delhi Sultanate owing to the need for maintenance of huge army.

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

**96.** Consider the following pairs:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>
1. Goma	: Democratic Republic of Congo
2. Okinoshima	: South Korea
3. Ghazni	: Afghanistan
4. Khartoum	: Syria

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

**97.** The Archaeological Survey of India is restoring the Markandeshwar group of temples in the Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. With reference to these temples, consider the following statements:

1. They belong to the Nagara group of temples.
2. The temples belong to Saiva faith only.

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

**98.** Consider the following statements regarding the social system during the period of the Delhi Sultanate:

1. The practice of Sati was negligible or completely absent during this period.
2. The different ethnic and racial groups within the Muslim society mixed freely and practiced intermarriages among them.
3. The practice of Slavery flourished with the establishment of slave markets for both men and women.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**99.** With reference to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), consider the following statements:

1. Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus is the most common cause of AES in India
2. It affects the central nervous system that hampers neurological functions.

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

**100.** With reference to the religious practices of the Indus Valley civilization, consider the following statements:

1. One of the major features was the worship of the female goddess associated with fertility.
2. Several big temple constructions have been excavated from the ruins of Harappa and Mahenjo-daro.
3. Animal worship was generally not practised at the time and emerged later in the Vedic period.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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