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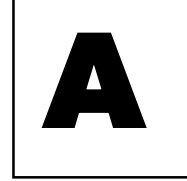


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1. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Indus Valley pottery often displayed geometric patterns and animal motifs.

Statement II: Indus Valley pottery was mainly handmade.

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

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

2. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The themes of Ajanta paintings depict scenes from the life of Lord Buddha, the Jatakas, and the Avadanas.

Statement II: Most of the Ajanta paintings were created during the Mauryan period.

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

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

3. With reference to ancient Indian art, 'Demigods carrying the Buddha's begging bowl to heaven' and 'Taming of an elephant by the Buddha' are associated with which one of the following schools?

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding the sculptural art of the Mauryan period:

- 1. The Ashokan pillars were carved from sandstone found at Chunar in Uttar Pradesh.
- 2. The Didarganj Yakshini exemplifies the popular art tradition of the Mauryan age, created by local craftsmen.
- 3. The Ring Stones of the Mauryan period were miniature doughnut-shaped stone artefacts carved with motifs like lotus, birds, and animals.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements about Major Rock Edicts of Ashoka:

- 1. Major Rock Edict II describes the Chola and Pandyas of South India.
- 2. Major Rock Edict XIII details the Kalinga war and his remorse and adoption 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

6. Consider the following statements regarding the Nalanda University:

- 1. Kumara Gupta of the Gupta Dynasty founded it.
- 2. The Chinese scholar Itsing visited Nalanda in the 7th century CE.
- 3. It was destroyed in 1193 by Turkish ruler Qutbuddin Aibak's general Bakhtiyar Khilji.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

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7. Consider the following pairs:

Secular literature	Author
1. Nirukta	Yaska
2. Ashtadhyayi	Ashwaghosha
3. Malavikagnimitram	Vishakhadatta

How many of the pairs are correct?

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

8. Consider the following information:

Feature	Place	State
1. Pit dwellings	Burzahom	Uttarakhand
2. First farmers of Indian subcontinent	Mehrgarh	Pakistan
3. Oldest known rock art in India	Bhimbetka	Madhya Pradesh

In how many of the above rows is the given information not correctly matched?

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

9. With reference to prehistoric age, consider the following features:

- 1. Use of polished stone tools
- 2. Emergence of earliest farming communities
- 3. Appearance of pottery for the first time

The features given above are associated with which of the following periods?

- (a) Chalcolithic site
- (b) Paleolithic site
- (c) Mesolithic site
- (d) Neolithic site

10. Consider the following Chalcolithic sites:

Site	State	River
1. Kayatha	Madhya Pradesh	Chambal
2. Jorwe	Maharashtra	Pravara

3. Ahar	Rajasthan	Banas
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In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

11. With reference to Harappan town planning, consider the following statements:

- 1. Both the citadel and the lower town were located on elevated mud-brick platforms.
- 2. The citadel was generally located on the western side of the settlement.
- 3. The lower town housed special buildings such as the Great Bath and Granary.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

12. Consider the following pairs with respect to Indus Valley sites:

Site	Speciality
1. Dholavira	Signboard
2. Chanhudaro	Absence of citadel
3. Lothal	Fire altar
4. Kalibangan	Temple

How many of the pairs are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan domestic architecture:

Statement I: Harappan people gave great importance to privacy in their houses.

Statement II: Almost every house had its own brick-paved bathroom, and walls had no windows at ground level.

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Statement III: The main entrance of houses was designed so that outsiders could not directly see the inner courtyard.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

14. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan trade:

- 1. They used carts with spoked wheels for inland trade.
- 2. They used metal coins to facilitate trade with foreign regions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

15. The Rig Vedic emphasis on 'asva', 'go', and 'vrsabha' primarily reflects which aspect of early Vedic economy?

- (a) Agricultural surplus
- (b) Cattle rearing and pastoral life
- (c) Maritime trade
- (d) Iron-based warfare

16. Consider the following pairs:

Vedangas	Purpose
1. Kalpa	Ritual
2. Chanda	Etymology
3. Vyakaran	Phonetics
4. Shiksha	Grammar

How many of the pairs are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

17. With reference to the condition of women, consider the following statements:

- 1. In the Early Vedic period, women could study the Vedas and participate in assemblies.
- 2. In the Later Vedic period, women lost political rights and were excluded from Upanayana.
- 3. In both periods, women could choose their husbands through Swayamvara.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Which one of the following statements regarding the Society during 6th century BCE is not correct?

- (a) Parishad was a council consisting exclusively of Brahmanas.
- (b) Gramabhojaka, the largest landowner, held a hereditary post.
- (c) Grihapati was responsible for collecting taxes from the village.
- (d) Dasas did not own land and worked on fields owned by others

19. With reference to the Gana or Sangha of Mahajanpadas during 6th century BCE, consider the following statements:

- 1. They mostly located in the Gangetic plain.
- 2. It was ruled by many rajas under the leadership of oligarchic assemblies.
- 3. The brahmanas exercised great influence in the early republics.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

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20. With reference to the period of Mahajanpadas, consider the following:

1. Most towns were situated along major trade routes.
2. Shrenis formed by artisans and merchants also functioned as banks.
3. Metal coinage first appeared during this period.
4. Horse chariots gained prominence as the main instrument of warfare.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements regarding the Dharmasutras and Dharma shastras:

1. The Dharmasutras explain the duties of people at different stages of life.
2. The Dharmashastras specifically deal with Dharma, or one's righteous duty.

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

22. During the 6th century BCE, the term Nishadas referred to:

- (a) Forest dwellers
- (b) Goldsmiths
- (c) Non-Sanskritic speakers
- (d) Ploughmen

23. Consider the following places:

1. Kushinagar
2. Kashi
3. Kausambi
4. Gandhara
5. Ayodhya

How many of the above places were visited by the Buddha?

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

24. With reference to the symbols associated with Buddha, consider the following pairs:

Symbol	Associated with
1. Peepal tree	Meditation of Buddha
2. Wheel	Renunciation
3. Stupa	Mahaparinirvana

How many of the pairs are correct?

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

25. With reference to the Buddhist texts, consider the following information:

Tripitaka	Content	Compilation
1. Sutta Pitaka	Buddha's teachings	First Buddhist Council
2. Vinaya Pitaka	Rules and regulations for monks and nuns	Second Buddhist Council
3. Abhidhamma Pitaka	Philosophical ideas	Third Buddhist Council

In how many of the rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

26. With reference to Jainism in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Sthaviravadins belong to Digambara school of Jainism.
2. The Sthanakvasi sect forms a part of the Svetambara tradition.

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3. The Terapanthis are considered reformists as they emphasize simplicity in religion.

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding teachings of Jainism:

1. Jainism recognized the existence of the soul and placed it above the Jina.
2. Mahavira added the fifth vow of brahmacharya to the four earlier vows.
3. Jainism used the Pali language for spreading its teachings.

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

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

28. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Jainism condemned the varna system.

Statement-II: Jainism questioned the authority of the Vedas and criticised rituals.

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

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

29. Which of the following statements is not correct with respect to the Gupta society?

- (a) Compared to the earlier period, there was a decline in long-distance trade during the Gupta period.

- (b) Women lacked proprietary rights and were completely depended on men for their livelihood.
- (c) Buddhism no longer received royal patronage.
- (d) Shudras were allowed to listen to the Puranas and worship deities like Krishna.

30. With reference to the Satavahanas, consider the following statements:

1. They had a matrilineal social structure and were identified through metronymics.
2. They were the first rulers to grant land to Brahmanas.
3. Their official language was Prakrit, and all inscriptions were composed in this language.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following information regarding ancient India:

Personalities	Dynasty	Work
1. Nagarjuna	Ikshvaku	Mulamadhyamakakarika
2. Hala	Satavahana	Gathasaptashati
3. Vishakhadatt	Maurya	Mudrarakshasa
4. Dandin	Gupta	Dasakumaracharita

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

32. Consider the following ancient texts/inscriptions:

1. Indica
2. Periplus of the Erythrean Sea
3. Hathigumpha inscription
4. Natural History

How many of the above are considered as a source for history of Sangam period?

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

33. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: After the fall of the Maurya Empire, new kingdoms led by Brahmanas were emerged.

Statement II: Ashoka's policy of nonviolence and discouragement of animal sacrifices reduced the income of the Brahmanas.

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

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

34. Which of the following statements is not correct with respect to Gupta coinage?

- (a) Gold content of Gupta coins are not as pure as Kushan.
- (b) The largest number of coins issued by the Guptas were of copper.
- (c) The use of money did not touch the common people so much as it did under the Kushans.
- (d) The obverses of coins are carved with the images of the kings and on the reverse are carved deities.

35. Consider the following statements regarding Sangam period:

- 1. Sangam was an assembly of Tamil poets held under royal patronage of Pandyan kings.
- 2. Tolkappiyam by Tolkappiyar is a work on Tamil grammar and poetics.
- 3. Korkai and Arikamedu were ports of commercial activity under Cholas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. With reference to Gupta empire, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Sri Gupta assumed the title Sakari after defeating the last ruler of the Saka satrap.
- 2. Allahabad Pillar Inscription by Harishena describes the achievements of Samudragupta.
- 3. Dhanavantri was a member of navaratnas at the court of Chandragupta II.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

37. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Gupta rulers was not required to maintain elaborate administrative machinery as that of the Mauryas.

Statement II: Many administrative tasks were handled by feudatories, and local elites like artisans and merchants.

Statement III: Guptas didn't heavily regulate economic activities on a large scale.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
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38. Consider the following statements:

1. Gautamiputra Satakarni was the first Satavahana ruler to conquer Andhra.
2. Gautamiputra Satakarni tried to end different social orders and promoted intermarriages.
3. Vashishtaputra Pulumavi defeated Rudradaman I and established capital at Dhanyakataka.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

39. Consider the following pairs of Megalithic Sites and present-day states:

Megalithic Site	State
1. Muthukkar	Telangana
2. Peria Kanal	Kerala
3. Maski	Karnataka
4. Junapani	Maharashtra

How many of the pairs are correct?

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

40. With reference to the reign of Harshavardhana, consider the following statements:

1. Harsha's only military defeat was at the hands of Pulakesin II.
2. The battle between Harsha and Pulakesin II took place near the Ganga river.

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

41. The religious assembly convened by Harsha at Prayag, as mentioned by Hiuen Tsang, was held at the confluence of which rivers?

- (a) Ganga and Yamuna

- (b) Ganga and Saraswati
- (c) Yamuna and Chambal
- (d) Ganga and Gandak

42. With reference to the origin of the Chalukyas, consider the following statements:

1. The Chalukyas initially served as feudatories under the Kadambas of Karnataka.
2. The Chalukyas claimed to be descended from Brahma, Manu, or the Moon.

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. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Narasimhavarman II was a great patron of art and literature among Pallava kings.

Statement II: The Shore Temple at Mamallapuram and the Kailasanatha Temple at Kanchipuram were built during his reign.

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

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

44. Consider the following literary works of Pallavas:

Author	Literature
1. Bharavi	Kiratarjuniya
2. Mahendravarman I	Mattavilasa Pahasana
3. Dandin	Kavyadarsha

How many of the pairs are correct?

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

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45. The ancient trade routes Uttarapatha and Dakshinapatha met at which of the following cities?

- (a) Pataliputra
- (b) Mathura
- (c) Ujjain
- (d) Taxila

46. King Prasenajit, a contemporary of Gautama Buddha, ruled which of the following ancient kingdom?

- (a) Avanti
- (b) Kosala
- (c) Vajji
- (d) Kashi

47. With reference to the ancient kingdom of Kosala, consider the following statements:

1. Its capital was Shravasti, identified with the modern twin villages of Sahet–Mahet.
2. It was bounded by the rivers Gandak and Gomati on the east and west respectively.
3. It included Ayodhya, which is associated with the Ramayana.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

48. In the context of ancient Indian geography, which of the following correctly describes the location of the Vatsa Kingdom?

- (a) Situated along the river Gandak, with its capital at Shravasti
- (b) Located on the banks of the Yamuna, with its capital at Kausambi
- (c) Situated between the Ganga and Gomati, with its capital at Ayodhya
- (d) Located along the Godavari, with its capital at Pratihsthana

49. In the context of Sanskrit literature, which of the following pairs is correctly matched with King Udayana as the protagonist?

Work	Author
1. Swapnavasavadatta	Bhasa
2. Ratnavali	Harsha
3. Priyadarshika	Kalidasa

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

50. With reference to the Mauryan ruler Bindusara, consider the following statements:

1. The Greeks referred to Bindusara as “Amitraghat,” meaning slayer of enemies.
2. He extended the Mauryan Empire southward up to Mysore.
3. Bindusara conquered the kingdoms of Cholas, Pandyas, and Kalinga.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

51. Which of the following features were discovered at the Kanaganahalli Buddhist site?

1. Stone portrait of Emperor Ashoka
2. Sculptures of Yakshas and lions
3. Inscriptions in Brahmi script

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

52. Which of the following foreign ambassadors visited the court of Bindusara?

- (a) Megasthenes, sent by Seleucus I
- (b) Deimachus, sent by Antiochus I

- (c) Dionysius, sent by Ptolemy II
(d) Heliodorus, sent by Antialkidas

53. Consider the following statements about the Rabatak Inscription:

1. The Rabatak Inscription is a 23-line stone inscription in the Bactrian language
2. The Rabatak Inscription lists the cities under Kanishka's rule.

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

54. At which of the following historic places can we find a 7-metre-tall Sadashiva or three-faced Lord Shiva sculpture?

- (a) Elephanta Caves
(b) Mahabalipuram
(c) Ellora Caves
(d) Pattadakal

55. With reference to the post-Mauryan period in history, Chaul, Motupalli and Ari kamedu are:

- (a) Types of pottery
(b) Important ports
(c) Types of lands
(d) Important markets

56. With reference to the history of Indian rock cut architecture, consider the following statements:

1. The Ellora caves are older than the Ajanta caves.
2. The Elephanta caves and Ellora caves share a contemporaneous period.

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

57. With reference to coins in Indian history, consider the following statements:

1. The Harappans used metal money for trade.
2. Karshapana and Pana were silver coins during the Mauryan Period.
3. The Indo-Greeks were the first rulers in India to issue coins that bear the names and images of kings.
4. The gold coins of Kushanas featured Greek as well as Indian gods.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

58. In the context of history of ancient India, the terms 'Kshetra', 'Khila' and 'Aparhata' refer to:

- (a) Tax exempted villages in the Mauryan empire
(b) Types of land grants during the Satavahana period
(c) Land divisions in the Gupta era
(d) Administrative divisions under Harsha's reign

59. Which of the following statements is/are correct with regard to the Sangam society?

- I. Virakkal refers to the practice of hero-stone worship, wherein memorial stones were erected to honor soldiers who had died heroically in battle.
- II. Kadimaram was a sacred river associated with royal ceremonial rituals, often performed by kings prior to embarking on military campaigns.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) I only
(b) II only
(c) Both I and II
(d) Neither I nor II

60. Consider the following statements with reference to the land grants given during the Gupta period:

- I. The Agrahara were hereditary grants given to the Brahmanas along with the assignment of all land revenue.
- II. The Devagrahara grants were tax-free lands given to military officials in exchange for their service.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

61. In the context of Buddhist philosophy, which one of the following correct defines the term “Magga”?

- (a) The truth of suffering
- (b) The truth of the origin of suffering
- (c) The truth of the cessation of suffering
- (d) The truth of the path to the cessation of suffering

62. Which one of the following administrative divisions of the ancient Tamil kingdoms is correctly arranged from smallest to largest?

- (a) Sirur -Nadu-Kurram -Mandalam
- (b) Mandalam -Nadu -Kurram -Sirur
- (c) Kurram -Sirur -Mandalam -Nadu
- (d) Sirur-Kurram -Nadu -Mandalam

63. In the context architecture of southern India, the place of ‘Kudimiyanmalai’ is famous for:

- (a) inscriptions having carvings of bharatanatyam dance postures
- (b) hosting the only monolithic lingam in South India
- (c) cave temples with musical inscriptions
- (d) Jaina inscriptions in chaste Sanskrit

64. Consider the following:

- I. The defeat of Harshavardhana
- II. Establishment of control over Kashmir and Nepal
- III. The conquest of Sri Lanka
- IV. Construction of the Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple
- V. Extension of sovereignty over Kadambas and Gangas

How many of the above events occurred during the reign of Pulakesin II?

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

65. Which one of the following inscriptions functions like a local constitution for the gram sabha, detailing its functioning, member qualifications, election process and grounds for disqualification?

- (a) Aihole
- (b) Hathigumpha
- (c) Uttaramerur
- (d) Junagadh

66. With reference to the difference between the culture of Rigvedic Aryans and Indus Valley people, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Rigvedic Aryans used the coat of mail and helmet in warfare, whereas the people of the Indus Valley Civilization did not leave any evidence of using them.
2. Rigvedic Aryans knew gold, silver, and copper, whereas Indus Valley people knew only copper and iron.
3. Rigvedic Aryans had domesticated the horse, whereas there is no evidence of Indus Valley people having been aware of this animal.

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

67. The “dharma” and “rita” depict a central idea of the ancient Vedic civilization of India. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Dharma was a conception of obligations and of the discharge of one’s duties to oneself and to others.
2. Rita was the fundamental moral law governing the functioning of the universe and all it contained.

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

68. With the reference to the religious history of India, consider the following statement:

1. The concept of Bodhisattva is central to the Hinayana sect of Buddhism.
2. Bodhisattva is the compassionate one on his way to enlightenment.
3. Bodhisattva delays achieving his own salvation to help all sentient beings on their path to it.

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

69. With reference to the history of ancient India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Mitakshara was the civil law for upper castes and Dayabhaga was the civil law for lower castes.
2. In the Mitakshara system, the sons can claim right to the property during the lifetime of the father, whereas in the Dayabhaga system, it is only after the death of the father that the sons can claim right to the property.
3. The Mitakshara system deals with the matters related to the property held by male members only of a family, whereas the Dayabhaga system deals with the matters related to the property held by both male and female members of a family.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

70. Which one of the following statements about Sangam literature in ancient South India is correct?

- (a) Sangam poems are devoid of any reference to material culture.
- (b) The social classification of Varna was known to Sangam poets.
- (c) Sangam poems have no reference to warrior ethics.
- (d) Sangam literature refers to magical forces as irrational.

71. With reference to the CLAMP Portal, consider the following statements:

1. It is a centralized digital repository launched by the Ministry of Rural Development to manage land records across all industrial sectors.
2. The portal aims to streamline the processes of land acquisition, compensation, and Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) specifically for the coal sector.

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

72. With reference to the Valmiki Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only tiger reserve located in the state of Bihar and sits on the India-Nepal border.
2. The reserve is situated in the Himalayan biogeographic zone and is primarily drained by the Kosi river system.
3. To its north, it shares a contiguous forest landscape with the Royal Chitwan National Park in Nepal.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

73. With reference to Phosphine, consider the following statements:

1. It is a flammable and highly toxic gas that naturally occurs in the oxygen-rich atmospheres of terrestrial planets.
2. In addition to its presence in the gas giants of our solar system, it has been recently detected in the brown dwarf Wolf 1130C by the James Webb Space Telescope.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

74. With reference to Viridans streptococci, consider the following statements:

1. They are Gram-positive bacteria that naturally reside as commensals in the human oral cavity and gastrointestinal tract.
2. Recent research indicates they can form biofilms within atherosclerotic plaques, potentially leading to plaque rupture and heart attacks.

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding the Coco Islands:

1. They are geographically located in the Bay of Bengal and are administratively part of Myanmar's Rakhine State.
2. Geologically, these islands are a continuation of the Arakan mountain range and the Andaman & Nicobar archipelago.
3. During the British colonial period, the islands were transferred from the administration of British India to become part of British Burma in the late 19th century.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

76. Consider the following statements regarding the stratovolcano located in the Makran volcanic arc of Southeastern Iran:

1. It is a semi-active composite volcano formed primarily by the subduction of the Arabian plate under the Eurasian plate.

2. Characterized by steep slopes and andesitic lava, it has a well-documented history of frequent explosive eruptions over the last millennium.

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

77. With reference to 'Nafithromycin', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first indigenously developed antibiotic in India, supported by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
2. It belongs to a new class of antibiotics developed globally after a gap of more than 30 years to specifically target Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (CABP).
3. The drug is exclusively designed to treat viral respiratory infections in patients with uncontrolled diabetes.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

78. Consider the following statements regarding the New Development Bank (NDB):

1. It was established through the Fortaleza Declaration and currently has its headquarters in Shanghai, China.
2. Unlike the International Monetary Fund, the NDB provides equal voting power to all its founding members regardless of their capital contribution.
3. While the bank was founded by the BRICS nations, its membership is strictly limited to emerging economies and does not allow participation from all UN member states.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) Only three
(d) None

79. With reference to the Malabar Gliding Frog (*Rhacophorus malabaricus*), consider the following statements:

1. It is a species of tree frog endemic to the Western Ghats of India.
2. It possesses a unique anatomical feature of orange-red webbed toes that allows it to glide for significant distances.
3. According to the IUCN Red List, it is currently categorized as a 'Critically Endangered' species due to habitat fragmentation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

80. With reference to the Indian Scops-Owl consider the following statements:

1. It is a small, nocturnal woodland owl that is characterized by a non-migratory nature and a distribution spanning across the Indian subcontinent and parts of Iran.
2. The species is primarily found in dense evergreen forests and is currently listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List due to habitat loss in the Western Ghats.
3. Recent sightings of this species have been recorded in the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary in Karnataka.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

81. With reference to the Sabarimala Temple in Kerala, consider the following statements:

1. The temple is a prominent example of religious harmony, featuring a shrine dedicated to Vavar, a Sufi saint, which pilgrims visit as part of the tradition.

2. The temple architecture is purely of the Dravidian style, characterized by a copper-plated sanctum and eighteen sacred steps representing various human emotions.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Pilot Whales:

1. They belong to the family Delphinidae and are characterized by a rounded forehead, a short snout, and a highly social matrilineal pod structure.
2. While the Long-finned species is typically found in tropical waters, the Short-finned species is restricted to cold-temperate and sub-polar oceans.
3. Their diet consists primarily of squid, and they are currently categorized as 'Least Concern' on the IUCN Red List.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

83. Consider the following statements regarding Timor-Leste:

1. It is a Southeast Asian nation bounded by the Ombai Strait to the northwest and the Timor Sea to the southeast.
2. In a significant diplomatic milestone, it was recently admitted as a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

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

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84. Consider the following statements regarding the Loktak Lake:

1. It is the largest freshwater lake in Northeast India and is fed by rivers such as the Imphal and the Thoubal.
2. The lake is characterized by phumdis, which are heterogeneous masses of soil, vegetation, and organic matter in various stages of decomposition.
3. It is currently listed under the Montreux Record and houses the world's only floating national park, which is the natural habitat of the Sangai deer.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

85. With reference to the Dogri language, consider the following statements:

1. It is a member of the Indo-Aryan language family and finds its earliest literary mention as "Duggar" in the works of the 14th-century poet Amir Khusrow.
2. While it was originally written in the Takri script, it is now primarily written in Devanagari and is recognized as one of the 22 languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

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

86. With reference to the Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary in Ladakh, consider the following statements:

1. It is situated in the easternmost reaches of the Karakoram range and is bounded by the Shyok and Nubra rivers.
2. The sanctuary serves as one of the few Indian habitats for the migratory Tibetan Antelope (Chiru), whose underfur is known as 'shahtoosh'.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Transit-Oriented Development (TOD):

1. It is an urban planning strategy that focuses on creating high-density, mixed-use areas centered around public transport nodes to minimize private vehicle dependency.
2. The model relies on 'Value-Capture Financing,' where the increase in land value generated by public infrastructure is used to fund the project.
3. The East Delhi Hub, developed by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), is identified as India's first major implementation of the TOD project.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements regarding the Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS):

1. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
2. The program is designed for university students to simulate the legislative process of the Parliament at the grassroots level.
3. Under this initiative, each participating school is provided with a financial grant of ₹20,000 to conduct the mock sessions.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

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89. With reference to 'INS Ikshak', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is an indigenously built Survey Vessel (Large) primarily designed for hydrographic surveys and has been constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).
2. It holds the distinction of being the first vessel of its class to feature dedicated accommodation for women officers and sailors.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

90. 'Leachate' is best described by which of the following statements?

- (a) It is a gaseous byproduct of anaerobic decomposition in landfills, primarily consisting of methane and carbon dioxide.
- (b) It is the nutrient-rich organic residue left behind after the industrial composting of municipal solid waste.
- (c) It is a contaminated liquid that seeps through solid waste in a landfill, extracting dissolved or suspended materials in the process.
- (d) It is the specialized chemical solvent used in the primary treatment of hazardous industrial effluents.

91. With reference to the Blackbuck (Antelope cervicapra), consider the following statements:

1. It is the state animal of Punjab, Haryana, and Andhra Pradesh, and its native range is India and Nepal.
2. Characterized by sexual dimorphism, the males possess long spiral horns and dark coats, while the females are generally hornless with yellowish-brown coats.

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

92. With reference to 'Exercise Samudra Shakti', consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and Indonesia, with the latest edition being held at Visakhapatnam in 2025.
2. The Indian participation in the exercise included the Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, INS Kavaratti, representing the Navy's Eastern Fleet.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

93. With reference to the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities by integrating existing APMC mandis through a pan-India electronic trading portal.
2. Under e-NAM, a single trading license is valid across all integrated mandis in a state, and a unified market fee is levied on the first wholesale purchase.
3. While the platform enables digital payments and real-time price discovery, it does not involve the physical standardization of produce through assaying or grading.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

94. With reference to the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), consider the following statements:

1. It was launched during the G20 Summit in 2023 and aims to provide an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
2. The corridor involves a maritime route from Indian ports to the UAE, followed by a rail link through Saudi Arabia and Jordan to Israel's Haifa port.

3. The project is limited to transportation infrastructure, focusing exclusively on high-speed rail and maritime freight hubs.

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

95. Consider the following statements regarding the differences between Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and Stablecoins:

1. While CBDCs are issued by a sovereign central bank, Stablecoins are issued by private companies or a consortium.
2. Both CBDCs and Stablecoins are considered legal tender, though they differ in their primary regulatory oversight.
3. CBDCs are backed by government or fiat currency, whereas Stablecoins can be backed by fiat, other cryptocurrencies, or even algorithms.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding ORS and recent FSSAI regulations:

1. The WHO–UNICEF-approved ORS formulation has an osmolarity of 245 mOsm/L and consists of glucose, salts, and electrolytes to facilitate rapid rehydration.
2. Under the Food Safety Act, 2006, the FSSAI has the authority to revoke permissions for the use of the term 'ORS' in drinks that do not comply with the established standards.

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

97. With reference to Rare Earth Elements (REEs), consider the following statements:

1. The group comprises 17 metallic elements, specifically the lanthanide series from lanthanum to lutetium, along with scandium and yttrium.
2. While China holds the largest share of global reserves at approximately 37%, it currently lags behind the United States and Australia in the refining of these minerals.
3. Heavy REEs are generally considered more valuable and rarer than light REEs due to their critical role in heat-resistant and conductive properties.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

98. Regarding recent developments in quantum computing and the "Willow" processor, consider the following statements:

1. Quantum Advantage is defined as the stage where a quantum computer can outperform the best classical supercomputers in any general computing task.
2. The Willow processor demonstrated a specific simulation capability by completing a task in 2 hours that would require more than 3 years for classical systems to finish.
3. Quantum computers achieve massive parallelism by utilizing qubits that exist in superposition and can be entangled.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

99. Consider the following statements regarding the production and market of Makhana in India:

1. Bihar is the primary hub for Makhana production in India, accounting for approximately 90% of the country's total output, with cultivation concentrated in the Mithilanchal region.

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2. Despite its dominant production share, the region faces economic challenges due to inadequate export infrastructure and weak value addition.

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 cloud seeding technology, consider the following statements:

- 1. Silver iodide is typically used to seed cold clouds, while salts such as Potassium Iodide (KI) are used for warm clouds to facilitate the growth of rain droplets.
- 2. The success of cloud seeding is independent of pre-existing atmospheric conditions, as the dispersed particles can generate moisture even in clouds with very low humidity levels.

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



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