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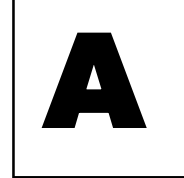


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1. Consider the following statements regarding Hindustani Classical Music:

1. Dhrupad is the oldest surviving classical style of Hindustani vocal music and is primarily devotional in nature.
2. Tarana is a medium to fast-paced composition that is usually performed towards the end of a concert.
3. Thumri is a purely classical form that focuses more on the Raag than on the lyrical expression.

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

2. Consider the following pairs:

Folk Dance	State
1. Veeranatyam	Tamil Nadu
2. Bihu	Bihar
3. Kajari	Andhra Pradesh

How many of the pairs are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding sculpture under the Pala dynasty:

1. Pala-period sculptures were generally large in size, intended for public worship.
2. The sculptures depicted only Buddhist themes and did not feature Hindu deities.

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding the Simhachalam Temple:

1. It is dedicated to Lord Vishnu, worshipped here as Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha.
2. The temple exhibits a blend of Kalinga and Chalukya architectural styles.
3. The present structure of the temple is largely attributed to the Eastern Ganga ruler Narasimha I.
4. The Vijayanagara ruler Deva Raya I visited the temple in 16th century CE.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. Consider the following information:

Schools of Temple Architecture	Feature	Example
1. Nayaka School	Islamic influence	Meenakshi Temple, Madurai
2. Vesara School	Open ambulatory passageway	Raghunatha Temple at Hampi
3. Vijayanagara School	Walls highly decorated with carvings and geometrical patterns	Ladkhan Temple at Aihole

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

6. The introduction of the double dome in Indo-Islamic architecture took place during the reign of which dynasty?

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- (a) Tughlaq Dynasty
- (b) Slave dynasty
- (c) Khalji Dynasty
- (d) Lodi Dynasty

7. Which one of the following statements is correct with respect to Mughal Architecture?

- (a) Sher Shah Suri built the Qila-e-Quhunah (Mosque of the Old Fort) in Delhi.
- (b) The Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience) in Agra Fort was built by Akbar.
- (c) The temple of Govind Dev in Vrindavan was constructed by Shah Jahan.
- (d) The Jama Masjid in Delhi was built by Akbar.

8. Consider the following statements regarding the 12 Jyotirlingas of Hinduism:

- 1. Somnath Jyotirlinga is the first among the Jyotirlingas.
- 2. Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga in Ujjain is famous for its Bhasma Aarti.
- 3. Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga is associated with the slaying of the demon Tripurasura by Lord Shiva.

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding the Nathpanthis, Siddhas, and Yogis:

- 1. All three rejected orthodox rituals and societal hierarchies, emphasising personal spiritual experience.
- 2. They were open to people across caste, gender, and religion and were popular, particularly among the low castes.

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

10. How many of the following are part of the Ashtangas or the Eight Limbs of Yoga?

- 1. Yama
- 2. Pratyahara
- 3. Dharana
- 4. Samadhi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

11. Which of the following is not true about Vallabhacharya?

- (a) He founded the Krishna-centred Pushtimarga sect of Vaishnavism.
- (b) He propounded the philosophy of Suddhadvaita.
- (c) He supported asceticism and monastic life.
- (d) Anubhasya is a commentary on the Brahma Sutras by Vallabhacharya.

12. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Chaitanya Mahaprabhu taught the philosophy of Acintya Bheda Abheda.

Statement II: According to Chaitanya, Krishna is the supreme God, and the souls are eternally distinct but simultaneously inseparable from Him.

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

13. Which of the following statements are incorrect regarding the Archaeological Survey of India?

- (a) It ensures the restoration of key historical sites.
(b) It operates under the Ministry of Culture.
(c) It was founded in 1861 by Alexander Cunningham during British rule.
(d) Sir William Jones served as its first Director-General.

14. Consider the following statements regarding Al-Biruni:

1. He accompanied Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni to India.
2. He was born in Khwarizm, which is in present-day Uzbekistan.
3. He was well-versed in Greek but not in Sanskrit.

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Firdausi:

1. He served as the poet laureate in the court of Mahmud of Ghazni.
2. He authored the Shah Namah, an epic written in Arabic on the history of Persian kings.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements about Jalaluddin Khalji:

1. He was the first ruler of the Delhi Sultanate to advocate that the state should be based on the willing support of the governed.
2. He followed the same harsh administrative methods as Balban.

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

17. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Alauddin Khalji ordered that land revenue be collected in cash.

Statement-II: He wanted to ensure regular cash payments to his soldiers.

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding the Lodi Dynasty:

1. The Lodis were tribal Afghans who regarded the Sultan as a "first among equals."
2. Sikandar Lodi founded the city of Agra and shifted his capital there from Delhi.
3. Ibrahim Lodi's harsh treatment of nobles led to Babur's invasion of India.

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How many of the above statements are not correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding Qutbuddin Aibak:

1. He built the Qutub Minar in honour of the Sufi saint Khwaja Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki.
2. He commissioned both the Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque in Delhi and the Adhai Din ka Jhonpra Mosque in Ajmer.
3. The Qutub Minar was completed entirely during his reign.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

20. Harihara and Bukka were originally feudatories of which of the following dynasties?

- (a) Hoysalas
- (b) Cholas
- (c) Kakatiyas of Warangal
- (d) Yadavas of Devagiri

21. During the reign of which of the following Vijayanagara rulers did the Italian trader Nicolo de Conti visit the kingdom in 1420 CE?

- (a) Harihara II
- (b) Deva Raya I
- (c) Deva Raya II
- (d) Krishnadevaraya

22. Which of the following coins were issued by the Vijayanagara rulers?

1. Pagoda
2. Taras
3. Jittals

4. Mohur

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

23. Consider the following statements about Ahmad Shah I:

1. He shifted the Bahmani capital from Gulbarga to Bidar.
2. He focused solely on northern India, avoiding conflicts in the south.

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

24. Which of the following statements about Imperial Cholas is incorrect?

- (a) The Brihadeshwara Temple was built by Rajaraja Chola.
- (b) The Shiva temple at Gangaikondacholapuram was built by Rajendra Chola.
- (c) Brihadeshwara Temple is dedicated to Vishnu.
- (d) Vijayalaya, a feudatory of the Pallavas established the Chola kingdom.

25. Consider the following statements:

1. The Bhakti movement accommodated women and lower castes, including those considered untouchables.
2. Andal was a woman Alvar whose songs are included in the Nalayira Divyaprabandham.
3. Karaikkal Ammaiyar was a woman Nayanar who practiced extreme asceticism.
4. The Nayanars and Alvars were sharply critical of Buddhists and Jains.

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How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

26. Mahaviracharya, a 9th century mathematician, is known for:

- 1. Separating astrology from mathematics
- 2. Authoring Ganita Sara Sangrah
- 3. Being patronised by Pala emperor Dharmapala

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

27. Which of the following rulers sent Ram Mohan Roy as an ambassador to Britain and gave him the title of Raja?

- (a) Shah Alam II
- (b) Bahadur Shah Zafar
- (c) Akbar Shah II
- (d) Ahmad Shah

28. Consider the following information:

Traveller	Book	Contemporary ruler
1. Ibn Battuta	Rihla	Muhammad bin Tughlaq
2. Al-Beruni	Kitab-ul-Hind	Iltutmish
3. Marco Polo	Historica	Deva Raya I

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

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding the Maratha administration under Shivaji Maharaj:

- 1. The Shivaji had an advisory council known as Ashta Pradhan to assist him in his day-to-day administration.
- 2. The tax was fixed at 30% of the gross produce and was to be paid in cash only.
- 3. The Sumant performed as a foreign minister and managed diplomacy.

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

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

30. How many of the following are included in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list?

- 1. Garba
- 2. Chhau dance
- 3. Tradition of Vedic chanting
- 4. Kathak
- 5. Nawrouz

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

31. Who among the following was the only Mughal emperor who issued 26 types of gold coins?

- (a) Jahangir
- (b) Aurangzeb
- (c) Babur
- (d) Akbar

32. With reference to Sufism in India, consider the following statements:

1. Among Sufis, Ba-shara were those who followed Islamic law or sharia and Be-shara were not bound by it.
2. Raqs refers to dancing done as a part of elaborate training methods or tariqa under the guidance of a Pir.
3. Chishti Sufis are known for the promotion of qawwali as a medium for spiritual awakening.

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

33. Which of the following statements best describes the contribution of the Rashtrakutas to Indian sculpture?

- (a) They primarily focused on bronze casting using lost-wax methods.
- (b) They built monumental rock-cut temples blending realism with spiritual themes.
- (c) Their art is known for erotic symbolism and temple carvings.
- (d) They introduced Jain themes using white marble across North India.

34. Which of the following best describes the difference between sculptural art under the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire?

- (a) The Delhi Sultans focused on figural depictions, while the Mughals avoided animate motifs.
- (b) The Delhi Sultans promoted Hindu iconography; the Mughals strictly followed Islamic themes.
- (c) The Delhi Sultans followed a minimal, geometric style, while the Mughals incorporated figural and floral elegance.
- (d) The Mughal style avoided Persian influence unlike the Delhi Sultanate.

35. Where can you typically encounter a Kalyana Mandapa within the traditions of Indian architecture?

- (a) Within Mughal funerary complexes, functioning as ceremonial halls for memorial gatherings and royal homage.
- (b) Inside Jain rock-cut monasteries, serving as contemplative spaces for ascetic dialogue and philosophical deliberations.
- (c) As an integral feature of Dravidian temple complexes, especially in the Vijayanagar style, celebrating divine nuptials through intricate carvings and artistic grandeur.
- (d) In the precincts of Buddhist stupas, designed as enclosed halls for relic veneration and ritual circumambulation.

36. With reference to Chola art and architecture, consider the following statements:

1. The Brihadeshwara Temple showcases the Cholas' engineering prowess through its towering granite vimana.
2. Chola temple complexes functioned as urban cultural centres, incorporating elements such as gopu rams, mandapas, and ritual tanks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding Mughal Miniature:

1. Mughal style was influenced by the European style.
2. Mughal paintings were more secular than indigenous Indian styles.
3. It was a form of court art, intended for royal viewing.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

- (c) All three
- (d) None of the above

38. Consider the following statements about Moidams:

1. Moidams are royal burial mounds built by the Tai-Ahom dynasty and reflect their sacred worldview.
2. They were constructed only during the 19th century as part of colonial-era burial practices in Assam.

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

39. The bronze image of Nataraja from the Chola period is acclaimed as a masterpiece of Indian art primarily because:

- (a) It represents Lord Vishnu in a yogic posture, symbolising cosmic equilibrium and the sustaining force of the universe.
- (b) It depicts Lord Shiva performing the cosmic Tandava dance, blending metaphysical ideas with exceptional aesthetic execution.
- (c) It portrays Buddha in a seated position, conveying the universal message of dharma and spiritual awakening.
- (d) It showcases Jain Tirthankara in meditative stillness, reflecting the ideals of renunciation and inner purity.

40. With reference to Abul Fazl, consider the following statements:

1. He translated the Mahabharata into Persian.
2. He authored the Akbar Nama and Ain-i-Akbari.
3. He translated the Bible into Persian.

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

41. Which of the following foreign nalysees served as a physician to Prince Dara Shikoh and critically nalyseed the Mughal administration, describing the Mughal emperor as the king of “beggars and barbarians”?

- (a) Jean-Baptiste Tavernier
- (b) Alexandra David-Neel
- (c) Nicolo Manucci
- (d) Francois Bernier

42. Which Mughal ruler established the Nigaar Khana (painting workshop) as part of his library?

- (a) Babur
- (b) Humayun
- (c) Akbar
- (d) Auragazeb

43. Consider the following monuments:

1. Bibi Ka Maqbara
2. Daulatabad Fort
3. Humayun’s Tomb
4. Jahangir Mahal
5. Qutub Minar

How many of the above are located in Delhi?

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

44. The Thanjavur Quartet, consisting of four brothers—Ponniah, Chinniah, Sivanandam, and Vadivelu—is associated with which of the following Indian classical dance forms?

- (a) Kathak
- (b) Bharatanatyam
- (c) Kuchipudi
- (d) Mohiniyattam

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45. Which of the following martial arts developed during the Maratha rule, particularly under Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, as a form of guerrilla warfare?

- (a) Lathi Khela
- (b) Mardani Khel
- (c) Musti Yuddha
- (d) Pari – Khanda

46. Consider the following statements regarding Rajput Painting:

1. The themes in Rajput paintings were significantly influenced by the Bhakti movement.
2. Female figures were rarely depicted in Rajput paintings.
3. The Rajasthani School, under Rajput painting, is characterised by a delicate and soft colour palette.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

47. Who among the following Bhakti poets authored 'Amrutanubhav', detailing his experience in yoga and philosophy?

- (a) Basavanna
- (b) Tukaram
- (c) Kabir
- (d) Jnaneswar

48. Consider the following statements about the Alvars:

1. They belonged to the Saguna Bhakti tradition.
2. They advocated for temple worship and personal devotion to a chosen deity over ritualistic practice.
3. Tevaram and Tiruvachakam were two compilations of songs by Alvars.
4. Andal and Nammalvar were prominent alvar saints.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

49. Which of the following painting styles originated as a form of wall art traditionally created by women, characterized by intricate patterns, vibrant colours, and complete coverage of the surface using figures?

- (a) Madhubani
- (b) Pattachitra
- (c) Kalamkari
- (d) Thangka

50. Which of the following Buddhist scholars were associated with the Pala period and contributed to Tibetan Buddhism?

- (a) Dhruva and Nagabhatta
- (b) Dipankara and Santarakshita
- (c) Vijayalaya and Rajashekhar
- (d) Svayambhu and Hemachandra

51. Which among the following foreign traveller visited Gujarat around 915–916 CE and wrote about the power and extent of the Gurjara-Pratihara Empire?

- (a) Al-Biruni
- (b) Ibn Battuta
- (c) Al-Masudi
- (d) Marco Polo

52. Which of the following dynasties constructed Ramappa Temple in Telangana, which has been recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site?

- (a) Kakatiya
- (b) Hoysala
- (c) Vijayanagara
- (d) Pallava

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53. Which of the following is the correct ascending order of Provincial and Local Administration under Marathas?

- (a) Mauzas – Tarfs – Prants
- (b) Mauzas – Prants – Tarfs
- (c) Prants – Tarfs – Mauzas
- (d) Prants – Mauzas – Tarfs

54. Which among the following dynasties are known as 'Seuna Dynasty'?

- (a) Kakatiya
- (b) Saluva
- (c) Hoysala
- (d) Yadava

55. To commemorate his victory over the Cholas, which of the following temples was built by King Vishnuvardhana of the Hoysala dynasty in the 12th century CE?

- (a) Hoysaleswara Temple at Halebidu
- (b) Kesava Temple at Somanathapura
- (c) Chennakesava Temple at Belur
- (d) Kota Gullu Temple at Ghanpur

56. Consider the following statements regarding Maratha army under Shivaji:

- 1. The Paga was a regular standing army supervised by Havaldars.
- 2. The army was maintained by both the state and the nobles.
- 3. The Maratha forces were known for their strong navy under Shivaji.

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

57. Consider the following statements concerning the Imperial Cholas of Tanjore:

- 1. They came to power after overthrowing the Pallavas.
- 2. They expanded their control to Sri Lanka and Maldives.
- 3. The founder of the Chola dynasty was Rajaraja Chola.
- 4. Their connection with the early Sangam Cholas is clearly established.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

58. What does the term 'Pugas' mean in the context of the Chola Empire?

- (a) Royal tax officials
- (b) Temple priests' councils
- (c) Corporate groups of people belonging to the same craft
- (d) Village assemblies of elders

59. Consider the following statements about Ghiyasuddin Balban:

- 1. He introduced court traditions, such as 'Sijda' and 'Paibos'.
- 2. He banned the Persian festival of Nauroz, which had been introduced by Iltutmish.
- 3. He established a separate military department known as the Diwan-i-Arz.

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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60. The Qarachill expedition in the Kumaon Hills, which met with several setbacks due to harsh terrain and climate, was carried out by which ruler?

- (a) Alauddin Khilji
- (b) Iltutmish
- (c) Mohammad bin Tughlaq
- (d) Firuz Shah Tughlaq

61. Consider the following pairs:

Land Category	Features
1. Iqta	Land under direct control of the Sultan
2. Khalisa	Land assigned or granted to religious leaders
3. Inam	Lands assigned to officials

How many of the pairs are correct?

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

62. Arrange the following administrative units of the Delhi Sultanate in descending order (from largest to smallest):

- 1. Pargana
- 2. Iqta
- 3. Shiq
- 4. Village

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

63. In the context of medieval India, what were Sarais?

- (a) Fortified trading posts for regulating urban markets.
- (b) Residences for nobles and provincial governors.

- (c) Rest houses maintained along highways for travellers.
- (d) Religious inns attached to major temples and mosques.

64. In the context of Vijayanagar empire, which of the following correctly describes the terms Kadamal, Irai, and Vrai?

- (a) Types of village assemblies
- (b) Titles of military commanders
- (c) Different kinds of taxes
- (d) Administrative divisions of kingdom

65. The title 'Gajabetegara', meaning 'Hunter of Elephants', was associated with which ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire?

- (a) Harihara I
- (b) Harihara II
- (c) Deva Raya II
- (d) Krishnadevaraya

66. With reference to Indian history, which of the following is/are the essential element/ elements of the feudal system?

- 1. A very strong centralized political authority and a very weak provincial or local political authority.
- 2. The emergence of an administrative structure based on control and possession of the land.
- 3. Creation of lord-vassal relationship between the feudal lord and his Overlord.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

67. With reference to Mughal India, what is/are the difference/differences between Jagirdar and Zamindar?

- 1. Jagirdars were holders of land assignments in lieu of judicial and police duties, whereas Zamindars

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were holders of revenue rights without obligation to perform any duty other than revenue collection.

2. Land assignments to Jagirdars were hereditary and the revenue rights of Zamindars were not hereditary.

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

68. Consider the following pairs:

King	Dynasty
1. Nannuka	Chandela
2. Jayashakti	Paramara
3. Nagabhata II	Gurjara-Pratihara
4. Bhoja	Rashtrakuta

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

69. With reference to the cultural history of medieval India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Siddhas (sittars) of the Tamil region were monotheistic and condemned idolatry.
- 2. Lingayats of the Kannada region questioned the theory of rebirth and rejected the caste hierarchy.

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

70. Regarding the taxation systems of Krishna Deva, the ruler of Vijayanagar, consider the following statements:

- 1. The tax rate of land was fixed depending on the quality of the land.
- 2. Private owners of workshops paid an industry tax.

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. With reference to 'BRICS Pay', consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a digital cross-border payment system designed to facilitate trade settlements among member nations using their respective local currencies.
- 2. The system is being developed by the New Development Bank (NDB) to replace the existing national payment systems of member countries.
- 3. A primary objective of the platform is to enhance financial resilience against international sanctions by reducing reliance on the SWIFT network.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. With reference to the 'Caracal', consider the following statements:

- 1. In India, it is primarily found in the semi-desert and shrubland habitats of Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- 2. It is characterized by distinctive black ear tufts and is known as Siya Gosh due to its physical features.
- 3. According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, the Caracal is globally categorized as 'Critically Endangered'.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

73. With reference to the 'Hussain Sagar Lake', consider the following statements:

1. It is an artificial freshwater lake built during the reign of Ibrahim Quli Qutub Shah.
2. The lake is situated on a tributary of the River Musi and historically served as a source of drinking water for Hyderabad.
3. It has been recognized for having the world's largest heart-shaped mark among such lakes globally.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

74. With reference to 'Exercise AUSINDEX', consider the following statements:

1. It is a biennial bilateral naval exercise conducted between India and Australia that began in 2015.
2. The 2025 edition of the exercise saw the participation of the Indian Navy's INS Sahyadri in the Northern Pacific region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

75. With reference to 'Auramine O', consider the following statements:

1. It is a synthetic yellow industrial dye that is currently permitted for use as a food additive in India and the European Union.

2. It has diverse industrial applications including its use in textile dyeing, leather processing, and microbiological fluorescent staining.

3. Long-term exposure to this chemical is associated with mutagenic effects and it is classified as potentially carcinogenic by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

76. With reference to the 'HAMMER' weapon system, consider the following statements:

1. It is an air-to-ground precision-guided glide bomb developed by France that can be integrated with India's LCA Tejas and Rafale aircraft.
2. Under a recent joint venture, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Safran have agreed to produce this weapon system indigenously in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. With reference to the 'Abujmadiya' tribe, consider the following statements:

1. They are a sub-group of the Gond tribe and are classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in Chhattisgarh.

2. In their culture, the practice of Godana (tattooing) is highly valued by women as a permanent form of jewelry.

3. The Saja festival is an important socio-religious event for the community, primarily centered around agriculture and the worship of nature.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

78. With reference to the 'Cuban Gar' (*Atractosteus tristoechus*), consider the following statements:

1. It is a prehistoric fish belonging to a family that has existed for approximately 100 million years.
2. It possesses a specialized biological mechanism that allows it to breathe atmospheric air, enabling survival in low-oxygen aquatic environments.
3. It is currently categorized as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species due to the impact of invasive species like the African walking catfish.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

79. With reference to the 'Ningaloo Reef', consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest fringing coral reef in Australia, located along the western coast of the East Indian Ocean.
2. The reef is globally recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and serves as a significant habitat for megafauna such as whale sharks and dugongs.
3. Unlike the Great Barrier Reef, Ningaloo Reef is characterized as a barrier reef system that extends for over 2,000 kilometers.

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 'Arunachalesvara Temple' in Tamil Nadu, consider the following statements:

1. The temple complex is built in the Dravidian style of architecture and houses one of the tallest Rajagopurams in India.
2. While the current structure dates back to the early Cholas, it received significant expansions under the Hoysalas and the Vijayanagar Nayakas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. With reference to the 'Grey Seal', consider the following statements:

1. It is a diurnal carnivorous mammal that is widely distributed across both the shores of the North Atlantic Ocean.
2. According to the IUCN Red List, it is currently categorized as 'Endangered' due to habitat loss in the Baltic Sea.

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. What is *Taningia silasii*, recently seen in the news?

- (a) A new species of deep-sea glass sponge discovered in the Indian Ocean.
- (b) A rare species of bioluminescent squid found in the deep waters of the Arabian Sea.
- (c) A newly identified variety of salt-tolerant mangrove found in the Sundarbans.

(d) An invasive species of jellyfish affecting the fishing industry in the Bay of Bengal.

83. With reference to 'BIRSA 101', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy specifically developed to treat Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).
2. The therapy was developed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and involves a multi-dose oral medication cycle.

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

84. With reference to 'Viscose Staple Fibre' (VSF), consider the following statements:

1. It is a regenerated cellulose fiber that is biodegradable and possesses characteristics similar to cotton.
2. The manufacturing process involves the conversion of wood pulp or cotton linters into cellulose xanthate before it is spun into fiber.
3. The Government of India has recently made the Quality Control Order (QCO) mandatory for all imports of VSF to ensure high standards.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

85. What is 'Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS)', recently seen in the news?

- (a) A viral respiratory infection caused by a novel strain of the phospholipid-binding virus.

(b) A rare autoimmune disorder where the body produces abnormal antibodies that increase the risk of blood clots.

(c) A genetic metabolic condition characterized by the inability to process phospholipids in the liver.

(d) A bacterial skin condition caused by excessive accumulation of phospholipids in the sebaceous glands.

86. With reference to the 'Gulf Cooperation Council' (GCC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a regional political and economic alliance established in 1981, with its headquarters located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
2. The current membership of the council consists of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Iraq.
3. The Supreme Council, comprising the heads of the member states, is the highest authority of the organization.
4. Member states have recently approved a one-stop travel system to simplify immigration and customs procedures across the region.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

87. What is 'Foraminifera', recently seen in the news?

- (a) A group of invasive marine plants affecting the biodiversity of the Mediterranean Sea.
- (b) Single-celled marine protists with shells that serve as vital indicators of past climate and ocean health.
- (c) A specialized deep-sea submersible used for exploring the Mariana Trench.
- (d) A newly discovered species of prehistoric marine reptile found in the Himalayan salt mines.

88. With reference to the 'RuTAG' (Rural Technology Action Group) initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA) to provide science and technology interventions for bridging gaps at the grassroots level.
2. The RuTAG 2.0 version, launched in 2023, specifically emphasizes the commercialization and wider dissemination of market-ready rural technologies.

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

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

1. It is an AI-based system developed to detect unlocked or tampered doors of freight wagons in real-time using computer vision and machine learning.
2. The system has been indigenously developed through a collaboration between the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) and IIT Guwahati.

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. With reference to the human 'Cornea', consider the following statements:

1. It is a vascularized tissue that receives its primary nourishment from a dense network of internal blood vessels to maintain transparency.

2. It is responsible for the majority of the eye's total optical power by refracting and focusing approximately 65–75% of incoming light.

3. The Government of India recently amended the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Rules to facilitate and promote cornea donation.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

91. With reference to the 'Booker Prize', consider the following statements:

1. It is a prestigious literary award open to authors of any nationality, provided the work is an original novel written in English and published in the UK or Ireland.

2. Works of fiction that have been translated into English from other languages are also eligible for the main Booker Prize.

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 'Rift Valley Fever' (RVF), consider the following statements:

1. It is a zoonotic viral disease caused by a Phlebovirus that primarily affects livestock such as sheep, goats, and cattle.

2. The disease can be transmitted to humans through direct contact with infected animal tissues or via mosquito bites, but human-to-human transmission has not been documented.

3. While there is no specific antiviral treatment available, a widely used human vaccine is currently part of the standard global immunization schedule.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

93. With reference to the 'Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980' (as amended), consider the following statements:

1. The Act mandates that prior approval from the Central Government (MoEFCC) is essential before any forest land is diverted for non-forest purposes like mining or industry.
2. Under the provisions of the Act, State Governments have the sole authority to de-reserve a forest without seeking any central oversight.
3. The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) is the statutory body responsible for reviewing proposals for forest land diversion and ensuring ecological safeguards.
4. Violations of the Act may invite penal actions, including the imposition of Penal Net Present Value and Penal Compensatory Afforestation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

94. The 'Emissions Gap Report', often featured in global climate discussions, is published annually by which of the following organizations?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (c) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- (d) International Energy Agency (IEA)

95. With reference to Soil Organic Carbon (SOC), consider the following statements:

1. Soils act as a larger carbon sink compared to the atmosphere, making SOC critical for global climate stability.
2. In India, most soils currently meet the ideal threshold of over 0.75% SOC required for sustainable agricultural productivity.
3. Excessive use of urea and unbalanced NPK ratios accelerate the breakdown and loss of carbon from the soil.
4. Intensive tillage practices help in sequestering carbon by burying organic matter deeper into the soil layers.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

96. With reference to the 'National Mineral Policy 2019', consider the following statements:

1. The policy granted 'Industry Status' to the mining sector to facilitate better financing from banks and financial institutions.
2. It mandates that all mineral leases be granted through open transparent auctions rather than the previous 'first-come-first-served' basis.
3. The policy specifically promotes the exploration of deep-sea minerals and strategic minerals to reduce import dependence.
4. It aims to increase the mining sector's contribution to India's GDP from the current ~2.5% to approximately 6% in the long term.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

97. With reference to the 'Draft Seeds Bill 2025', consider the following statements:

1. The Bill makes registration mandatory for all seed varieties, including those intended for export and seeds saved by farmers for personal use.
2. It empowers the Central Government to regulate the price of seeds during emergency situations to ensure affordability.
3. Farmers are provided with the right to compensation if a registered seed variety fails to perform as per the standards claimed by the producer.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

98. With reference to 'Digital Arrest Scams', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It involves fraudsters impersonating law enforcement officials via video calls to extort money by falsely claiming the victim is under a restricted "digital arrest."
2. The Supreme Court of India has recently taken suo motu cognizance of the matter due to the increasing frequency of such cyber-extortion cases.

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

99. With reference to the Supreme Court's 2025 ruling on Tiger Safaris, consider the following statements:

1. Tiger safaris are strictly prohibited in the core and critical habitats of Tiger Reserves and must be restricted to non-forest or degraded buffer lands.
2. The ruling mandates that tiger safaris established in permitted areas must be functionally linked to a rescue and rehabilitation center.
3. While tourism infrastructure is allowed in tiger corridors, the court has banned nocturnal tourism and the use of mobile phones within core zones.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

100. With reference to 'Precision Medicine and Biotherapeutics', consider the following statements:

1. Precision medicine shifts the healthcare approach from a 'one-size-fits-all' model to one tailored to an individual's specific genetic and protein signatures.
2. mRNA therapies in precision medicine work by utilizing gene-editing tools like CRISPR to permanently remove faulty protein-coding sequences from the patient's DNA.
3. The application of Monoclonal Antibodies is primarily used to target disease-specific proteins in conditions such as cancer and autoimmune disorders.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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