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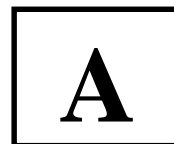
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GENERAL STUDIES

Test- 1



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1. Consider the following statements –

1. In Ancient India, the earliest cities flourished on the banks of Ganga and its tributaries.

2. The fertile region towards the south of Ganga, was called Magadha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

2. Consider the following statements-

1. Bhimbetka is a prominent Palaeolithic site, because of its natural caves and rock shelters, which protected people against harsh weather.

2. Rock and Cave paintings are important features of the Palaeolithic Culture.

3. Pressure Flaking is a technique used by the hunters to make stone tools and weapons.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 1 and 3
- c) 2 and 3
- d) All of the above

3. Consider the following pairs:

1. Mehrgarh – Pit Houses

2. Burzahom – Rectangular Houses

3. Mehrgarh – Burials with Grave goods

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

4. Consider the following statements with reference to the Neolithic age –

1. Neolithic Culture represents the beginning of settled life with evidence of farming and domestication of animals.

2. Rice and Cotton was not known to the people of this age.

3. People generally believed in life after death, as inferred from their burial practices.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above.

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5. With reference to the Pre-Harappan Cultures that existed in Northern India, consider the following statements:

1. Climate played a role in the architecture of the houses in Burzahom.
2. The people of Mehrgarh domesticated animals like cattle, sheep and goats.
3. Mehrgarh has Pit houses which served as shelter homes during cold weather.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 1 and 3
- c) 2 and 3
- d) All of the above.

6. With reference to the Harappan Civilization, consider the following statements:

1. A common feature found in the Harappan Excavations is that the Citadel is found to the west and the Lower town region is found to the east of the cities.
2. The Harappans used copper and bronze for tools, weapons and ornaments.
3. Weights made of chert, was used to weigh precious stones and metals.

4. Gold and Silver were absolutely not known and were not in use.

Which of the statements given above is/are

INCORRECT?

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

7. Consider the following pairs with respect to the sources of raw materials which were available for the people of Indus Valley Civilisation.

1. Copper – Rajasthan and West Asia
2. Tin – Afghanistan
3. Gold – Karnataka
4. Semi-Precious Stones – Gujarat

Which of the following pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

8. Consider the following statements-

1. Sanskrit is part of a family of languages called Indo-European.

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2. Most of the languages spoken in India, like Assamese, Telugu and Kannada are also part of this family.

3. Languages from the same family, more often than not, have similar sounding words, due to the sources being same.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. With reference to the Rig Veda, consider the following statements:

- 1. Rig Veda, mainly contains suktas and hymns as prayers, asking for cattle, children and territorial land.
- 2. The Prominent Gods of the Rig Vedic Text were Indra, Agni and Soma.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

10. In the context of Early Vedic society, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Rajas were always succeeded by their sons in leading the Jana or the tribe.
- 2. Dasas and Dasyus were slaves who were captured in war.
- 3. Battles were fought between Janas for cattle or even water.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. With reference to Megalithic culture, consider the following statements –

- 1. The Megalithic Culture started about 3000 years ago and is seen exclusively in South India.
- 2. Megalithic Burials had the distinct feature of having various objects along with the dead like pots, iron weapons and gold ornaments.
- 3. In other parts of the country, in places like Inamgaon, burials were found within the House.

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Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

12. With reference to Mahajanapadas, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Taxation system was regularised and more organised to fund the costs of building forts and maintaining armies.
- 2. Bhaga is $1/6^{\text{th}}$ of the crop produced by the Farmers.
- 3. Animal herders, hunters and gatherers were not part of this Regularised Taxation System.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements :

- 1. The rise in the agricultural produce in the Mahajanapadas, was due to the agricultural practices which were

followed, like the use of the iron ploughshare.

- 2. The Dasas and Dasyus were mostly engaged in agricultural labour work, like transplanting paddy.
- 3. The pottery of the Vedic age was Painted Grey Ware with an extremely smooth finish which were used for special occasions.

Which of the following statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the Above

14. In context of the Magadhan Empire, consider the following statements:

- 1. Magadhan Empire had vast forested areas and iron ore mines which played a crucial role in its supremacy over the other kingdoms.
- 2. Rivers like Ganga and Yamuna also flowed through Magadha..
- 3. Pataliputra was the first capital of Magadhan Empire.

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

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

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

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

15. Consider the following statements

- 1. Vajji had a different government model, called Gana, which unlike monarchy had numerous rulers all having equal powers.
- 2. Capital of Vajji, Kaushambi, had the river Yamuna passing through it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

16. In context of Buddha, consider the following statements:

- 1. Siddhartha, the founder of Buddhism belonged to the Sakya Gana.
- 2. Buddhism does not believe in the concept of Karma, that is, the result of our actions.
- 3. Buddha encouraged rational, independent thought and denounced the importance of rituals.

17. With reference to Upanishads, consider the following statements –

- 1. Most Upanishadic thinkers believed in Atman and Brahman, that is, Individual and Universal Soul.
- 2. There was a clear social distinction, as in, Upanishadic thinkers were mostly Brahmins and Rajas.

Which of the following statements given above is/are **INCORRECT**?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

18. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. Rules of Buddhist Sangha –Sutta Pitaka
- 2. Bhikkhus – Buddhist travellers who went around asking for food
- 3. Panini – Sanskrit Grammararian
- 4. Viharas – Buddhist Temples

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Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

19. With reference to Ashoka, consider the following statements:

- 1. Ashokan Edicts and Inscriptions were mostly written in the language of Prakrit using the Brahmi script.
- 2. Ashoka's Dhamma involved the worship of Buddha and following Buddhism.
- 3. Ashoka also talked about the rituals, animal sacrifice and the conflict caused by them.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. With reference to the polity of the Mauryan Empire, consider the following statements:

- 1. The large province of Taxila which provided blankets, and other trade commodities, was a

gateway to the North-West connecting the Capital region.

2. Ujjain was an access point to Southern India, which provided precious stones.

3. The Mauryans had a well developed spy network and messenger systems.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the Above.

21. With reference to terms from Ancient India, consider the following pairs:

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Gramabhojaka. | A. Landowners |
| 2. Grihapatis | B. Independent Farmers |
| 3. Vellalar | C. Village Headmen |
| 4. Uzhavar | D. Ploughmen |

Identify the correct answer using code given below:

- a) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B
- b) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D
- c) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- d) 1-A, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B

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22. In the context of the societal features of Ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. The Gramabhojaka of a village also had Judicial and Tax Collecting Powers.

2. Many craftsmen and merchants grouped into Shrenis, which also sometimes served as Banks.

3. Punch marked Coins made from metals like Silver and Copper were in use.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 2 only
- d) All of the Above.

23. Consider the following statements :

1. In the context of Sangam Texts, the term “Muvendar” referred to the three chiefs, that is Cheras, Cholas and Pandyas.

2. These Chiefs of South India, did not have a regular Tax Collection system.

3. They were also called the Lords of Dakshinapatha, as they controlled the routes to South India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. With reference to The Silk Route, consider the following statements:

1. Silk Route was the route followed by the Chinese Travellers and traders, to carry the trade commodities like silk from China to different Asian and West Asian countries.

2. The Routes were controlled by Kushanas, in India, who ruled over North Western and Central India.

3. The traders who travelled along the Silk Route used gold coins and paid taxes/tributes to the kingdoms they were passing through, in exchange for security and ease of travel.

Which the statements given above are correct?

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

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25. With reference to Buddhism, consider the following statements:

1. The Third Buddhist Council was organised by the Kushana ruler Kanishka and the Buddhist scholar Asvagosha.

2. Mahayana Buddhism was patronised by Kanishka which became the most popular sect of Buddhism.

3. Buddhacharita is a Sanskrit poem, composed by Ashvagosha.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

26. Consider the following statements with regards to Buddhism:-

1) The distinct feature of Mahayana Buddhism was that the Buddha was depicted through his human form, while earlier, he was represented using signs/symbols.

2) The Enlightenment of Buddha was earlier depicted through his Footprints.

3) The worship of Bodhisattvas was a prominent feature of Theravada Buddhism.

4) Bodhisattvas are Buddhist Scholars who preach Buddhism to other people.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements

1. Mahayana Buddhism and worship of Bodhisattvas became popular in Central Asia, China, Japan and Korea.

2. Theravada Buddhism was more popular in Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

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28. Consider the following statements:

1. Bhakti suggests an intimate two-way relationship between the deity and devotee. It emphasizes devotion and individual worship.
2. Bhakti helped inspire works in poetry, sculpture, painting and enrichment of languages.

Which of the statements given above is/are

INCORRECT?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

29. Consider the following statements about

Prashasti:

1. Harisena was the court poet of Samudra Gupta, and was responsible for the Allahabad Prashasti.
2. According to the Prashasti, Samudragupta had different policies for the Aryavarta rulers and the Dakshinapatha rulers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

30. Consider the following statements

1. Kalidasa and Aryabhata were part of the court of Samudragupta.
2. Samudragupta's successor, Chandragupta II defeated the last of Shakas.
3. Chandragupta's reign saw coins minted in his name, in which he is depicted playing a veena.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Banabhatta wrote the biography of Harsha Vardhana in Sanskrit.
2. The Biography details his path to power, his acts as a king and his rule.
3. Xuan Zang visited the court of Harsha.

Which of the statements given above is/are

INCORRECT?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) All of the above

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32. Consider the following pairs:

1. Ravikirti- Court of Chalukyas
2. Kalidasa- Court of Chandragupta II
3. Harisena - Court of Samudragupta
4. Banabhatta- Court of Pulakeshin II

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

33. With reference to the offices of administration during Harsha's times, consider the following pairs:

1. Mahadandanayaka- Chief Military officer
2. Kumar -amatya - Minister
3. SandhiVigrahika - Minister of war and peace
4. Kayasthas - Treasurers

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

34. Consider the following pairs with respect to the administration of Southern Kingdoms -

1. NagaraShreshthi - Treasurer
2. Sarthavaha - leader of merchant caravans
3. PrathamaKulika - Chief Trader
4. Nagaram - Organisation of Merchants

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Samantas were rich landlords, who had the right of revenue of their land, and also maintained troops of soldiers, horses and equipment for warfare.
2. Ur is a village assembly consisting of Brahmin landlords.
3. In literature and plays, like that of Kalidasa's, the King and Brahmins are shown to speak Sanskrit, and all others, women and men are shown to speak prakrit.

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

36. Consider the following statements about ancient Indian literature:

- 1. Aryabhatta wrote Aryabhatiyam in Sanskrit, in which he explained concepts of rotation, scientific explanations for eclipses etc.
- 2. The Tamil epics, Manimekalai was composed by Sattanar and Silappadikaram by Ilango.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

37. Consider the following statements regarding the Varna system

- 1. Shudras were completely excluded from rituals until the Gupta Era.
- 2. Women and Shudras were not allowed to study the Vedas

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

38. Consider the following statements regarding Jainism

- 1. Rules of Ahimsa were strictly followed by men and women.
- 2. The celibacy doctrine was to be observed by Jainas.
- 3. Jainism was mainly supported by traders and farmers.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following pairs:

System of Ashramas Meaning

- A. Sanyasa -1. Householder life
- B. Brahmacharya-2. Renunciation and the realization of dharma
- C. Vanaprastha -3. Gradual detachment from the material world
- D. Grihastha -4. Study the Vedas

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Match the above pairs using the code given below.

- a) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- b) A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1
- c) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
- d) A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

40. With reference to Vajji, consider the following statements

- 1. Vajji was under a different form of government known as gana or sangha
- 2. DighaNikaya, a famous book of Jains, contains the account of Vajjis

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding Ashoka's dhamma policy:

- 1. It advocated religious tolerance.
- 2. The propagation of Dhamma was done by special officials known as Dhammamahamattas

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements

- 1. Chandragupta's ideas were written in the Arthashastra.
- 2. Ashvaghosa who composed Buddhacharita was the court poet of Kanishka.
- 3. Harshacharita, the biography of Harsha was written in Prakrit language.

43. Consider the following statements regarding Stupas:

- 1. It may contain bodily remains or things used by Buddha or his followers.
- 2. A magnificent stupa once existed in Amaravati.
- 3. Sanchi Stupa contains the story of the Monkey King.

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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

44. With reference to coins issued in ancient India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The gold coins were first issued by the Guptas.
- 2. Punch marked coins were made up of Silver and Copper

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

45. With reference to Kandahar inscription, consider the following statements:

- 1. The inscription was related to the Mauryan ruler, Asoka.
- 2. It was written in Greek language only.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

46. Consider the following statements regarding Neolithic Tools:

- 1. Polished tools were not found in the Neolithic period.
- 2. Some tools were made of bone.
- 3. Mortars and pestles were used for grinding grain.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements regarding the social life of Neolithic people:

- 1. Most of the agricultural work was done by both men and women.
- 2. Old women were respected for their wisdom and experience.

Which of the above statements is/are INCORRECT?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

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

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

48. Which of the following may be the reasons for the end of the Indus valley civilization?

- 1. Floods
- 2. Drying up of river
- 3. Deforestation
- 4. Rulers lost their control

Select the correct answer from the given codes below.

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

49. Consider the following statements regarding the Paleolithic period:

- 1. Traces of ash have been found at Patne in Maharashtra.
- 2. Evidence of Ostrich egg shells were found at Kurnool caves.
- 3. The period had a long span of time and it covers 99 percent of Human history.
- 4. This period marks the importance of stone tools.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

50. With reference to the Rig Veda, consider the following statements

- 1. The dialogue between a sage named Vishvamitra and two rivers (Beas and Sutlej) is mentioned in the Rig Veda
- 2. The manuscript of Rig Veda on birch bark was found in Kashmir.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

51. Consider the following regarding the various burial practices in Ancient India:

- 1. The dead were buried with pots
- 2. Copper was the only metal found at megalithic burials
- 3. The body was placed in a cross legged position
- 4. Food and water were placed with dead

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

- 3. Vedic Age C. Painted Grey Ware
- 4. Mahajanapada D. Northern Black Polished Ware

Match the above pairs using the codes given below.

52. Consider the following statements regarding Chinese Buddhist pilgrims to India:

- 1. Fa Xian and other pilgrims spent time studying in Nalanda, the most famous Buddhist monastery of the period.
- 2. XuanZang carried back with him the statues of the Buddha made of gold, silver and sandalwood, and over 600 manuscripts loaded on the backs of 20 horses.
- 3. I-Qing, came to India about 50 years after XuanZang.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- a) 1- C, 2- A, 3- D, 4- B
- b) 1- A, 2- B, 3- C, 4- D
- c) 1- B, 2- C, 3- A, 4- D
- d) 1- A, 2- B, 3- D, 4- C

54. Consider the following statements regarding Faience:

- 1. Faience was a naturally found material.
- 2. It was used to make beads and bangles.

Which of the above statements is/are correct ?

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

53. Consider the following pairs:

Period Pottery

- 1. Stone Age A. Black Design
- 2. Chalcolithic Age B. Black and Red Ware

55. Consider the following statements regarding Upanishads:

- 1. Gargi was a women thinker who was famous for her learning, and participated in debates held in royal courts.

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2. The famous Chandogya Upanishad contains the story of the wise beggar, which is in the form of a dialogue.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

56. Consider the following statements regarding the Mauryan ruler Ashoka:

- 1. Ashoka was the first ruler who tried to take his message to the people through inscriptions.
- 2. He is the only king in the history of the world who gave up conquest after winning a war.
- 3. Ashoka sent messengers to spread ideas about dhamma to other lands, such as Syria, Egypt, Greece and Sri Lanka
- 4. He arranged for medical treatment for human beings only.

Which of the above statements is/are INCORRECT?

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding Mathura:

- 1. Mathura was an important centre for the worship of Lord Shiva.
- 2. Several inscriptions on surfaces such as stone slabs and statues have been found in Mathura.
- 3. The inscriptions from Mathura mention goldsmiths, blacksmiths, weavers, basket makers, garland makers and perfumers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements :

- 1. CharakaSamhita was a book written by Chanakya
- 2. It states that the human body contains 306 bones

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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59. Consider the following statements regarding the Harappan Civilization

1. Burnt bricks were used for the construction of Great Bath
2. Fire Altars were found in Mohenjodaro and Harappa

Which of the above statements is/are INCORRECT?

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

60. With reference to the Indus Valley Civilization, consider the following statements:

1. It belongs to the Iron Age
2. Elephants were not domesticated by the Indus people.
3. Cotton was used for manufacturing textiles

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

61. With reference to town planning in the Indus Valley Civilization, consider the following statements:

1. In general, every house in the cities consisted of a courtyard and a well.
2. The street drains of Harappan cities were equipped with manholes

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

62. The Union Cabinet has approved a monthly pension scheme for small retail traders and shopkeepers. Which of the following is/are the components of the scheme - Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-Dhan Yojana?

1. Under the scheme all small shopkeepers, retail traders and self-employed persons whose turnover is below 1.5 crore are assured a minimum of Rs.3,000 monthly pension after attaining 60 years of age.
2. All small shopkeepers, self-employed persons and retail traders aged between 18-60 years can enroll for this pension scheme.

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3. The scheme is based on self-declaration as no documents are required including bank account and Aadhaar Card.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 3 only
- d) All of the above

63. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recommended 'complete' ban on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), including e-cigarettes. In this context, consider the following statements about e-cigarettes.

- 1. An electronic cigarette (or e-cig) is a battery-powered vaporizer that mimics tobacco smoking.
- 2. e-cigarettes contain nicotine and not tobacco.

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

64. Beagle Channel is shared between which of the following countries?

- a) Chile and Argentina
- b) Brazil and Chile
- c) Brazil and Mexico
- d) Mexico and Chile

65. Recently there was a Quad meet held at Bangkok, Thailand. In this context, consider the following statements.

- 1. Regional coalition known as the 'Quad', the quadrilateral formation, includes Japan, India, United States and Australia.
- 2. Amongst other things, it seeks "a free, open and rules-based order" in face of an aggressive and expansionist China in the Indo-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

66. Consider the following statements about Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

- 1. Organisation of Islamic Cooperation is an international organization founded in 1969,

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consisting of 57 member states including India.

2. It is the second largest inter-governmental organization after the United Nations.

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

67. SDG Gender Index is released by?

- a) The group of 30 under 30
- b) Equal Measures 2030
- c) WHO
- d) World Bank

68. The spread of Nipah virus has been a matter of concern recently in the state of Kerala. In this context, consider the following statements:

- 1. Nipah virus infection is transmitted from animals to humans.
- 2. The natural host of the virus are fruit bats belonging to the family Pteropodidae.
- 3. The disease was first identified in a village called Nipah in Kerala.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 3 only
- d) All of the above

69. 'Point Sonam' is located on which of the following?

- a) Kanchenjunga
- b) Mt Everest
- c) Siachen Glacier
- d) Mt Etna

70. Shanta Kumar Committee is related to which of the following?

- a) Merger of Banks
- b) Restructuring of Food Corporation of India.
- c) Revamping of PSU's
- d) Disaster Management

71. SPICE 2000 guided bombs are procured by India from which of the following countries?

- a) USA
- b) Russia
- c) Germany
- d) Israel

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72. Pacemakers sometimes seen in news are related to which among the following?

- a) Form of internal fixation used in orthopaedic surgery to hold fractures in place to allow bone healing.
- b) Thin tube inserted into the ureter to prevent or treat obstruction of the urine flow from the kidney.
- c) Small device that's placed in the chest or abdomen to help control abnormal heart rhythms.
- d) Machine designed to provide mechanical ventilation by moving breathable air into and out of the lungs

73. Jan Shikshan Sansthan scheme is related to which of the following

- a) Skill development and training
- b) Achievement of universalisation of elementary education
- c) Women empowerment
- d) Health for all

74. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is a four member body headed by the RBI governor.

- 2. Repo rate is the rate of interest which is applied by RBI to commercial banks when the latter borrows from RBI.

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. Which of the following are the factors in the determination of Minimum Support Price (MSP).

- 1. Cost of production (CoP)
- 2. Price trend in the domestic and international markets
- 3. Inter-crop price parity

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 1 and 2 Only
- c) 2 and 3 Only
- d) All the above

76. Consider the following statements with respect to Remdesivir and choose the most appropriate statement describing it.

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a) It is a second generation gene editing tool after CRISPR-cas9.

b) It is an antiviral drug that is used as a treatment for filovirus infections such as Ebola virus disease and Marburg virus infections.

c) It is a space mission planned by NASA to explore the presence of water vapour in asteroid Bennu.

d) It is the most advanced humanoid robot with artificial intelligence (AI) technology developed by Microsoft.

77. Consider the following statements with reference to microplastics.

1. It is the small plastic piece less than 5 millimeter.

2. Biomagnification refers to increasing concentration of a substance, such as a toxic chemical, in the tissues of organisms at successively higher trophic levels.

Which of the following statements given above is/are **INCORRECT**?

a) 1 Only

b) 2 Only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

78. Consider the following statements with reference Kimberley Process:

1. The Kimberley Process is an international certification scheme that regulates trade in rough diamonds.

2. India is currently the Chair of Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS)

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

79. Consider the following statements with respect to Tropical cyclones:

1. Cyclones are sustained by very strong low-pressure areas at their core.

2. Although cyclones affect the entire coast of India the west coast is more prone compared to the east coast.

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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80. Consider the following statements about food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

1. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is an autonomous statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act).
2. FSSAI functions under the administration of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
3. FSSAI has developed the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) to measure the performance of States on five parameters of food safety.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 Only
- b) 1 and 2 Only
- c) 1 and 3 Only
- d) All the above.

81. Which among the following countries are members of both SAARC and BIMSTEC?

- a) Thailand and Myanmar
- b) Pakistan and Srilanka
- c) Myanmar and Bhutan
- d) Bhutan and Bangladesh

82. Recently a MoU has been signed to create a trans-boundary wildlife conservation park in Manas. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Manas National park lies in the boundary region of India and Nepal.
2. The park is dominated by dense forest vegetation.
3. River Brahmaputra does not pass through the Manas National park.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

83. Consider the following pairs:

1. Nameri National Park – Assam
2. Nokrek National Park – Meghalaya
3. Singalila National Park – Himachal Pradesh
4. Simbalbara National Park – West Bengal

Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

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84. Consider the following statements

1. It is a vast expanse of tall elephant grass, marshland, and dense tropical moist broadleaf forests.

2. It is recognized as an Important Bird Area by Bird Life International for conservation of avifaunal species.

3. It is known for being the residence of 'Big Five' animals, ie, Great Indian One horned Rhinoceros, Indian Elephant, Royal Bengal Tiger, Eastern Swamp Deer and Wild Water Buffalo.

Which of the following National Parks is described above?

- a) Balphakram
- b) Dudhwa
- c) Kaziranga
- d) KeibulLamjao

85. Which of the following wildlife sanctuaries is/are embraced by the Western Ghats?

- 1. Eravikulam National Park
- 2. Nagarahole National Park
- 3. Borivali National Park
- 4. Namdapha National Park

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

86. Consider the following statements with reference to the Black Sea:

- 1. The Black Sea opens into the Mediterranean Sea.
- 2. River Volga and Ural discharge into the Black sea.
- 3. The Strait of the Dardanelles connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara.
- 4. The Black Sea is connected to the Sea of Azov by the Bosphorus Strait.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

87. Which of the following country does not border the Caspian Sea?

- a) Turkmenistan
- b) Uzbekistan
- c) Kazakhstan
- d) Azerbaijan

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88. Which of the following states is not located in the Horn of Africa?

- a) Sudan
- b) Chad
- c) Eritrea
- d) Djibouti

89. North Korea which was in the news recently is located between which of the following Seas?

- a) Korea Bay and the Sea of Japan
- b) Yellow Sea and the East China Sea
- c) Korea Bay and Yellow Sea
- d) East China Sea and Sea of Japan

90. Sabang, a strategically important naval port for India often in the news, is located in which of the following geographical location?

- a) Strait of Hormuz
- b) Strait of Malacca
- c) Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb
- d) Isthmus of Kra

91. Which of the following tourist places are also famous volcanic Hot Spots?

- 1. Galapagos Island
- 2. Hawaii island

3. Yellowstone National Park

4. Reunion island

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) All of the above

92. Consider the following statements

regarding the New Development Bank.

- 1. In the NDB, each participant country has been assigned one vote, and no country has veto power.
- 2. It is outcome of the 7th BRICS Summit held in the Russian city of Ufa.

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 Asian Infrastructure

Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements

- 1. AIIB has more than 80 member nations.
- 2. India is the largest shareholder in AIIB.

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3. AIIB does not have any members from outside Asia.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

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

94. Which one of the following books of ancient India contains the love story of the son of the founder of Sunga dynasty?

- a) Swapnavasavadatta
- b) Malavikagnimitra
- c) Meghadoota
- d) Ratnavali

95. Who among the following had first deciphered the edicts of Emperor Ashoka?

- a) Georg Bihler
- b) James Prinsep
- c) Max Muller
- d) William Jones

96. Which one of the following was a very important seaport in the Kakatiya kingdom?

- a) Kakinada
- b) Motupalli
- c) Machilipatnam (Masulipatnam)
- d) Nelluru

97. Which one of the following is not a Harappan site?

- a) Chanhudaro
- b) KotDiji
- c) Sohaura
- d) Desalpur

98. In which of the following relief sculpture inscriptions is 'RanyoAshoka' (King Ashoka) mentioned along with the stone portrait of Ashoka?

- a) Kanaganahalli
- b) Sanchi I
- c) Shahbazgarhi
- d) Sohaura

99. With reference to forced labour (Vishti) in India during the Gupta period, which one of the following statements is correct?

- a) It was considered a source of income for the State, a sort of tax paid by the people.
- b) It was totally absent in the Madhya Pradesh and Kathiawar regions of the Gupta Empire.

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- c) The forced labourer was entitled to weekly wages.
- d) The eldest son of the labourer was sent as the forced labourer.

100. With reference to Asian Development Bank(ADB),consider the following statements:

- 1. ADB envisions a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty in the region.
- 2. There is no provision for providing grants to its member countries.
- 3. China is not a member of the Asian Development Bank.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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