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# INDIAN HISTORY & CULTURE

1. The inhabitants of which of the following periods was known as 'Quartzite Men'

- a) Palaeolithic      b) Mesolithic  
c) Neolithic      d) Chalcolithic

2. Dr. Primrose rediscovered Indian pre-history by discovering prehistoric implements (stone knives and arrow heads) in 1842 at a place called Lingsugur. In which of the following states of India is the Lingsugur situated

- a) Kerala      b) Tamil Nadu  
c) Andhra Pradesh      d) Karnataka

3. Consider the following statements regarding the Palaeolithic Age

- A. Food gathering and hunting were the main occupations of the people of the Palaeolithic Age,  
B. Man during Palaeolithic Age used tools of unpolished, undressed rough stones and lived in caves and rock shelters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Select the Correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B      d) Neither A nor B

4. Which of the following is the largest Mesolithic site in India?

- a) Bhimbetka      b) Adamgarh  
c) Pratapgarh      d) Bagor

5. Which of the following sites of the Stone Age is known as 'bread basket' of Baluchistan?

- a) Kili Ghul Muhammad      b) Rana Ghundai  
c) Mundigak      d) Mehrgarh

6. Consider the following statements regarding the Chalcolithic Age

- A. The Chalcolithic people used different types of pottery of which Painted Grey Ware was most popular.  
B. The Chalcolithic people were not acquainted with burnt bricks and generally lived in thatched houses.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the Correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

7. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched

- A. Banas culture : Gujarat  
B. Rangpur culture: Rajasthan

Select the Correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

8. The Behistun Inscription describes the invasion of which of the following foreign groups

- a) Persians                      b) Greeks  
c) Kushanas                      d) Greeks

9. The famous Battle of Hydaspes was fought on the banks of which of the following rivers

- a) Ravi                              b) Beas  
c) Jhelum                              d) Chenab

10. Consider the following statements

- A. Alexander was the son of Philip of Macedonia (Greece) who invaded India in 326 B.C.  
B. When Alexander reached Beas his army refused to go further, forcing him to retreat.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the Correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

11. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched

- A. 2nd Rock Edict: It puts prohibition on animal sacrifices in festive gatherings.  
B. 3rd Rock Edict: It mentions about the medical missions sent everywhere for both men and animals by Ashoka.

Select the Correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

12. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched

- A. Udiyanjeral: Chera Ruler  
B. Senguttuvan: Chola Ruler

Select the Correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

13. Who among the following was the founder of Vakataka Dynasty?

- a) Vindhyaashakti              b) Pravarasena  
c) Nandivardhana              d) Rudrasena I

14. Which of the following Sangam texts is known as the Bible of Tamil Land?

- a) Tolkappiyam              b) Tirukkural  
c) Silappadikaram              d) Manimekalai

15. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched

- A. Vikramankadeva-charita: Dandin  
B. Mitaksara: Yajnavalkya

Select the Correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

16. Who among the following composed Gathasaptasati, an anthology of 700 erotic verses in Maharashtri or Paisachi Prakrit.

- a) Sri Satakarni  
b) Hala  
c) Gautamiputra Satakarni  
d) Vasishtiputra Pulamayi

17. Which of the following inscription tells us about the local village administration of the Cholas?

- a) Halmidi inscription  
b) Mandasor inscription  
c) Uttaramerur inscription  
d) Tosham inscription

18. Consider the following statement regarding 'Indian Feudalism'

- i. Feudalism led to increase in trade and urbanization.



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- ii. Feudalism had element of increasing dependence of peasantry on the landed intermediaries.
- iii. Land grants had led to decline in feudalism.
- iv. There were many similar features of Indian and European feudalism.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) i and iii                      b) ii and iii
- c) i, ii and iv                d) ii and iv

19. The kings of 'Dhala - Mandala' are popularly known as

- a) Chandellas of Jejabhukti
- b) Gahadvalas of Kannauj
- c) Chauhanas of Sakambari
- d) Kalachuris of Chedi

20. Consider the following statements

- i. Nanadesi was merchant operating domestically in medieval India.
- ii. Manigraman was the merchant guild of South India in medieval times.
- iii. Cowries were used as a medium of exchange in medieval India.
- iv. Hundika was a bill of exchange used by merchants for commercial transactions.

Which of the above statements are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) i, ii and iv                      b) ii, iii and iv
- c) ii and iv                        d) All are correct

21. Which of the following is incorrect during medieval India?

- a) In the field of leather industry, Gujarat occupied an enviable position.
- b) Udghataghati and Ghatyantra was a device of irrigation.
- c) Brahmdeya was Brahmin's assembly.
- d) Mahattaras and Pattakilas were village headmen.

22. Consider the following statements

- i. The supremacy over Kannauj was a major source of

struggle between the Pratiharas, the Palas and the Rashtrakutas

- ii. The theory that Rajputs were the descendants of Agnikula was first put forward by Colonel Todd
- iii. It is after Yanasakti that the Chandella kingdom was called Jejabhukti
- iv. During the Arab rule over Sind in the sixth and seventh centuries A.D. Zimmis were those exempted from jaziya payment

Which of the statements given above are not correct?

- a) i, ii and iii                      b) i, iii and iv
- c) i and iii                        d) ii and iv

23. Consider the following statements

- i. The Tantric sect of Buddhism gained wider acceptance during Pratihara rule
- ii. Mahipala is considered the founder of the Pala empire
- iii. The last ruler of the Gahadvala dynasty was Jayachandra
- iv. Ajayaraja is considered the founder of the city of Ajmer

Which of the statements given above are not correct?

- a) i and ii                        b) iii and iv
- c) i and iv                        d) ii and iii

24. Consider the following regarding the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY)

- 1. The yatra is organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) annually.
- 2. The Yatra is organized in close cooperation with the Government of the People's Republic of China.
- 3. State Governments of Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Delhi, and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited (KMVN) are other major Indian partners of the Ministry in organizing the Yatra.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



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Select the answer from the codes given below.

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding Sangolli Rayanna.

- A. He was a prominent warrior from Karnataka and fought the British East India Company till his death.  
B. He participated in the 1857 rebellion and was arrested by the British and sentenced to death

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B      d) Neither A nor B

26. Consider the following pairs and identify the correct one/ones

1. Chadar Badar : Santhal  
2. Pari-Khanda : Rajputs  
3. Lavani : Sholapur

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

27. Consider the following pairs and identify the correct one/ones

- A. Ghoomar : Gujjar  
B. Chari : Bhil

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B      d) Neither A nor B

28. The concept of federation as prescribed by Government of India Act, 1935 never came into force because of which of the following reason

- a) It was optional for the Indian States to join the federation  
b) The administration of State subjects like agriculture, law and order was under Governor-General.  
c) The Muslim League did not support federalism; rather they wanted a strong Centre to safeguard their interest.  
d) The congress wanted Poorna Swaraj and the idea of federation was not in tune with it

29. Which of the following is/are the principal feature(s) of Government of India Act, 1919?

- 1) Introduced diarchy at the Centre  
2) Separated for the first time, provincial budget from the Central budget.  
3) Introduced separate representation for the Muslim community and sowed the seeds of separatism.  
4) Introduced provincial autonomy

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding Ryotwari System.

1. Under this system, the land was classified according to fertility, nature of soil and crops produced.  
2. This system was mainly followed in the southern and south western parts of India  
3. This system facilitated the system of peasant ownership,  
4. It was first introduced by Thomas Munro in Madras in 1820

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



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Select the answer from the codes given below

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

31. Consider the following statements about UNESCO's World Heritage City programme

- A. India is home to 32 of UNESCO's 1,000-odd World Heritage Sites, three of which are in Delhi. However, none of the world's 220 World Heritage Cities is in India.
- B. Government of India recently withdraw Delhi from the nomination for world heritage city tag as once the city comes into that heritage list, authorities are unable to make some construction in the city plans and land use plans. This makes it difficult for infrastructural growth in a city with growing population and needs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B
- c) Both A and B            d) Neither A nor B

32. Consider the following statements regarding the Gandhi-Irwin pact

- 1. The pact paved the way for Congress participation in 2nd Round Table conference.
- 2. Under the terms of the pact the British conceded to the demand of salt making for Indians.
- 3. As per the provisions of the pact all the lands confiscated during Civil Disobedience Movement were returned immediately.
- 4. After the pact the Congress got divided again on the issue of signing agreement with British.

Which of the statements given above are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding the Sufi Silsilas

- A. Chisti and Suhrawardi silsilahs were the part of the ba-shara movements of Sufism
- B. The Chishti and Suhrawardi sufis believed in simplicity and poverty; possession of private property was considered as an impediment to the development of the spiritual personality and hence they lived mainly on charity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B
- c) Both A and B            d) Neither A nor B

34. Who among the following were the most prominent leaders of the "National Liberal Federation of India" that was formed in 1919?

- 1) Dada Bhai Naoroji
- 2) V. S. Srinivasa Sastri
- 3) M. R. Jayakar
- 4) Tej Bahadur Sapru,

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- a) 1, 2, and 3 only
- b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- d) All of the above

35 Which of the following was/were the part of the proposals of the August Offer 1940?

- A. A representative "Constitution Making Body" shall be appointed after the war
- B. The number of the Indians in the Viceroy's Legislative council will be increased with immediate



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c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

36. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the Vernacular Press Act 1878?

- A. By this act, the magistrates of the districts were empowered, without the prior permission of the Government, to call upon a printer and publisher of any kind to enter into a Bond, undertaking not to publish anything which might "rouse" feelings of disaffection against the government.  
B. The magistrate was also authorized to deposit a security, which could be confiscated if the printer violated the Bond. If a printer repeated the violation, his press could be seized.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

37. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the Indian Universities Act 1904?

- A. The governing bodies of the universities were to be reconstituted and the size of the Senates was reduced.  
B. The Secretary of State for India was now empowered to decide a University's territorial limits and also affiliation between the universities and colleges.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

38. Consider the following statements regarding the Information of Fahien about the Political, Religious, Social and Economic Conditions of India.

1. Fahien stated that the criminal justice system under

the Guptas was very severe with punishments like death penalty and amputation of limbs being common.

2. According to Fahien Nalanda University was supported by the revenues of an enormous estate of one hundred villages, and by the alms of many patrons  
3. In his remarks on social custom he stated that all respectable persons were vegetarians, meat eating being confined to low castes and untouchables.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below.

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

39. Which of the following Sikh Gurus originally compiled Adi Granth Sahib, the religious text of Sikhism?

- a) Guru Nanak                      b) Guru Har Rai  
c) Guru Arjan Dev              d) Guru Teg Bahadur

40. The Champaran Agrarian committee was constituted by the British Government on which of the following issue

- A. Indigo Cultivation      B. Planters compensation

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

41. Consider the following statements regarding the Carnatic Wars

- A. The Carnatic Wars were fought between the English and the French on the Indian soil for supremacy.  
B. The Nawabs of the Carnatic did not like the Anglo-French conflicts within their kingdom.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A nor B

42. Consider the following statements regarding the Alivardi Khan, the Nawab of Bengal during



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- A. To take control of Bengal and Bihar he defeated and killed Sarfaraz Khan in the Battle of Giria
- B. To bring Orissa under his control he defeated Rustam Jang, deputy governor of Orissa and a relative of Sarfaraz Khan, in the battle of Phulwarion.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A Nor B

43. Consider the following statements in context of the decline of the Portuguese power/Empire in India.

1. The Portuguese failed to evolve an efficient system of administration
2. Their religious intolerance provoked the hostility of the Indian rulers and the people
3. They could not provide the adequate manpower for maintaining a far flung colonial empire
4. The Portuguese failed to compete successfully with the other European companies.

Which of the statements given above are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

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

44. Consider the following statements

- A. What brought Dutch traders to India in the first instance was the requirements of the archipelago rather than of the European market.
- B. The spices of the archipelago were exchanged for cotton goods from Gujarat and the Coromandel Coast.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B

- c) Both A and B              d) Neither A Nor B

45. Where did the Dutch established their first factory in India

- a) Masulipatam              b) Nizamapatanam  
c) Devanampatinam        d) Pulicat

46. Consider the following statements regarding Dutch trade in India

- A. By supplanting the Portuguese, the Dutch practically maintained a monopoly of the spice trade in the East throughout the 17th Century.
- B. The credit for making Indian Spices the premier export from India goes to the Dutch.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A Nor B

47. Consider the following statements regarding the Battle of Bedara.

- A. The Battle of Bedarawas fought between the Portuguese Army and the Dutch Army, in Bengal
- B. In the battle, the Dutch force was decisively defeated by the Portuguese forces.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B              d) Neither A Nor B

48. Who among the following British citizen came to Jahangir's court to seek permission for the English to open a factory at Surat in 1609 which was refused due to the hostile activities of the Portuguese and the opposition of the Surat merchants?

- a) John Mildenhall  
b) Captain Hawkins  
c) Captain Best  
d) Sir Thomas Roe

49. Consider the following statements regarding British settlements in India.

- A. In 1668, Bombay was transferred to the East India Company by Charles II at an annual rent of £10.  
B. Bombay replaced Surat as the chief settlement of the English on the west coast in 1687 and it became the headquarters of the Company on the west coast.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a) Only A                      b) Only B  
c) Both A and B            d) Neither A Nor B  
50. The British established their factory at Masulipatam in which of the following years?  
a) 1909                      b) 1910  
c) 1911                      d) 1912



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