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## GEN. STUDIES TEST SERIES – IAS PRELIMS 2018

### ANCIENT HISTORY, MEDIEVAL HISTORY AND ART & CULTURE (ADVANCE LEVEL)

1. Consider the following statements with reference to the Temples:
- Virupaksha temple is located in Helebidu.
  - Tanjavur is famous for Brihadeeshwara temple.
  - Dashavatara Temple is located at Deogarh.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- Only I and II
  - Only I and III
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above
2. Consider the following statements with reference to the foreign accounts on India:
- Indika, the work of a Greek ambassador Megasthenes provides information about the administration of Gupta rulers.
  - 'The Periplus of the Erythrean Sea' is an important Chinese source for Indian geography.
  - Naturalis Historia of Pliny is an important Latin source for India's international trade.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- Only I and II
  - Only I and III
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above
3. Consider the following statements regarding philosophies of Ancient India:
- Lokayata propounded by Charvaka is a materialistic philosophy.
- Samkhya philosophy believes that the world owes its creation more to Nature or Prakriti than to God.
  - Nyaya philosophy believes that the salvation can be attained through the acquisition of knowledge.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- Only I
  - Only II
  - Only III
  - All of the above
4. Consider the following works on science in India History:
- Lilavati.
  - Siddhanta Shiromani.
  - Romaka Siddhanta.
- Which of the above works are attributed to Bhaskaracharya?
- Only I and II
  - Only I and III
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above
5. Consider the following pairs regarding regional kingdoms:
- | Kingdom              | Region      |
|----------------------|-------------|
| I. Ahom Kingdom      | : Assam     |
| II. Sharqi kingdom   | : Jaunpur   |
| III. Berar Sultanate | : Ellichpur |
- Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?
- Only I
  - Only II
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above

6. Consider the following statements regarding Bhakti Saints:

- I. Alvars were Tamil poet-saints who espoused devotion to the Hindu god Vishnu.
- II. Nayanars were bhakti saints who espoused devotion to the Hindu god Shiva.
- III. Lingayatism was founded by the philosopher Basava.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

7. Consider the following statements regarding medieval times:

- I. The Turks are credited with bringing musical instruments like rabab and sarangi into India.
- II. Tansen was the court poet of the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.
- III. Amir Khusrau was a popular poet in the court of Delhi Sultanate.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

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

- I. Nagara, Dravida and Vesara are important temple architectures in India.
- II. The Sun temple at Konark is an example of vesara style of temple architecture.
- III. Dashavatara Temple in Deogarh, Uttar Pradesh is a panchayatana style temple.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

9. Regarding the Harappan Civilization, consider the following statements:

- I. Harappan people were self sufficient in economy and did not have any external trade relations with outside world.
- II. Harappans did not know about the rice crop.
- III. The Harappan people extensively manufactured the iron objects.

Which of the above statements are INCORRECT?

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) All of the above
- (d) None of the above

10. Consider the following statements regarding Indian culture in Southeast Asia:

- I. Religion and trade helped in spreading the Indian culture to Southeast Asian region.
- II. One of the greatest Buddhist temples of the world is to be found in Borobudur in Cambodia.
- III. The temple of Angkor Vat is located in Java Island.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) None of the above

11. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. The literature on Science and Technology reached classical status during Mauryan period.

- II. The game of snakes and ladder was invented by Gyandev.
- III. Shunyavada doctrine was propounded by Nagarjuna.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

12. Consider the following pairs regarding Buddhist monasteries:

Monastery	Region
I. Tabo monastery	: Ladakh Region
II. Rumtek monastery	: Sikkim
III. Tawang Monastery	: Spiti Valley

Which of the above pair(s) is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

13. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan Culture:

- I. It marks the first use of script written from left to right.
- II. It marks the earliest known use of Bronze as a medium for the art of sculpting.
- III. It marks the earliest known use of stone as a medium for the art of sculpting.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

14. Consider the following statements regarding Paintings:

- I. Both Murals and Fresco paintings can be found on the walls of Ajanta caves.
- II. Sittanavasal Cave is one of the finest examples of Jaina caves.
- III. Lepakshi paintings were done during Vijayanagara period.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

15. Consider the following statements with reference to the Coinage in India:

- I. Punch-marked coins were the earliest coins found in Indian subcontinent.
- II. Kushana rulers introduced in India the standard coinage system with ruler's name inscribed on coins.
- III. Gupta rulers issued a large number of gold coins.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

16. Which of the following foreigners visited Vijayanagar Empire?

- I. Abdur Razzaq.
- II. Ibn Batuta.
- III. Nicolo Conti.
- IV. Francois Bernier.
- V. Travennier.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only I, III and V
- (d) Only III, IV and V

17. Which of the following statements regarding Harappa are correct?

- I. One of the most important structures at Harappa is the 'Great Bath'.
- II. Lothal is an important port and trading centre of the Harappan people.
- III. Dholavira provides great evidence of water management.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

18. Consider the following statements regarding Bhakti Saints:

- I. Shankaradeva is a Bhakti saint from Assam.
- II. Tukaram is a celebrated author of Ramacharitamanas.
- III. Dadu dayal is a Bhakti saint from Gujarat.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

19. Consider the following statements regarding Babur:

- I. Arch and dome in the Indian architecture was introduced by Babur.
- II. Babur followed the policy of sulh-i-kul for national integration.
- III. Gulbadan Begum has written babur's biography called Tuzk-i-Babri.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) All of the above
- (d) None of the above

20. Consider the following statements regarding religion of Vedic Period:

- I. The religion of early Vedic Aryans was primarily of worship of nature and Yajnas.
- III. Indra and Agni were the dominating Gods in later Vedic Period.
- II. Upanishads encouraged rituals and promoted sacrifices.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) All of the above

21. Consider the following statements:

- I. Triratna or three jewels are important principles of Jainism which can lead to liberation.
- II. Tripitakas are important Jaina texts which provide details of Jaina philosophy.
- III. Anekantavada was an important philosophy of Jainism.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

22. Consider the following cultural developments during Mughal Period:

- I. The Panch Mahal is situated at Fatehpur Sikri.
- II. Raja Todarmal is the author of Ain-i-Akbari.

III. Din-i-Ilahi was initiated by Akbar.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

23. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I (Place associated with Buddha)	List II (Significance)
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A. Lumbini	I. Enlightenment
B. Bodhgaya	II. Birth Place
C. Sarnatha	III. First sermon
D. Kusinagar	IV. Mahaparinirvana

Code:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	II	I	III	IV
(b)	II	IV	I	III
(c)	II	I	IV	III
(d)	III	II	I	IV

24. Consider the following statements regarding Sher Shah Suri:

- I. He restored the imperial road from the Indus river in the North West to Bengal in the east.
- II. His gold rupee remained a standard coin till the establishment of British rule.
- III. He maintained law and order and constructed sarais on the highways to ensure safety for traders and travellers.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

25. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Thang Ta is a sophisticated martial art of Manipur.
- II. Kalariyapattu is an ancient martial art and a living tradition in Odisha.
- III. Garba is a folk dance of Gujarat.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

26. Consider the following statements regarding Guilds:

- I. They acted as trustees and bankers.
- II. The wages, rules of work, standards and prices were fixed by the guild.
- III. The guild had judicial powers over its own members.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

27. Consider the following statements:

- I. Makkhali Goshal is associated with Ajivika sect.
- II. Gupta kings donated several caves in the honour of Ajivaka monks.
- III. Ajivika was one of the "orthodox" schools of ancient Indian philosophy.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

28. Which of the following is/are the characteristics of Pala painting ?

- I. It is characterised by sinuous line and subdued tones of colour.
- II. It is totally disconnected from the classical art of Ajanta.
- III. The Pala art flourished under the royal patronage of the Mughals.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

29. Which of the following are the Ancient Indian Physicians?

- I. Jivaka.
- II. Nagarjuna.
- III. Sushruta.
- IV. Charaka.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only III and IV
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

30. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Mahavira used the Prakrit language to spread his message.
- II. Buddha used the Pali language spoken by masses to propagate his teachings.
- III. Mahavastu and Divyavadana are important texts of Hinayana Buddhism.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

31. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Didarganj Yakshini is one of the finest examples of Mauryan sculpture.
- II. The Sultanganj Buddha is a splendid example of the renowned Gupta sculptural style.
- III. The Barabar Caves were sculpted during the Satavahana period.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

32. Consider the following statements regarding foreign rulers of Ancient India:

- I. Milindapanho is in form of a philosophical dialogue between the Buddhist sage Nagasena and the Indo-Greek king Menander.
- II. Eran inscription of Rudradaman happens to be the first royal inscription of early India composed in chaste Sanskrit.
- III. Greek ambassador called Heliodorus set up a pillar in the honour of Shaivism near Vidisha.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

33. Consider the following pairs regarding Buddhist philosophy:

Sect of Buddhism	Philosophy
I. Mahayana	: Believe in idol worship of Buddha
II. Hinayana	: Believes in Mantra and Tantra
III. Vajrayana	: Advocated the adherence to original teachings of Buddha

Which of the above pair(s) is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

34. With reference to the ancient literature, consider the following pairs:

Writer	Famous for
I. Sudraka	: Mrichchhakatika
II. Asvaghosha	: Biography of the Buddha.
III. Panini	: Treatise on Tamil grammar

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

35. Consider the following statements regarding medieval period:

- I. Ghatikas were the educational institutions attached to temples.
- II. Araghatta was a water wheel used in the irrigation of land.
- III. Banjaras were traders during the medieval period.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II

- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

36. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I (Ancient/Medieval Ports)	List II (Present state)
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A. Motupalli	I. Gujarat
B. Broach	II. Kerala
C. Muzris	III. Andhra Pradesh
D. Tamralipti	IV. West Bengal

Code:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	II	I	III	IV
(b)	III	I	II	IV
(c)	II	I	IV	III
(d)	III	II	I	IV

37. Consider the following statements regarding military/administrative systems during medieval period:

- I. Iqta system was introduced in India by Mughals.
- II. Mansabdari system was introduced in India by Delhi Sultanates.
- III. Nayakar system was an administrative system during the Vijayanagara Empire.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above



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38. Consider the following statements:
- I. Ibadat Khana at Fatehpur Sikri was the hall in which Akbar held discussions with scholars of various religions.
  - II. Akbar abolished Jizyah and promoted religious tolerance.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements:

- I. Adi Granth is the compilation of the Sikh Scriptures by Guru Nanak.
- II. Bijak is a composition of the teachings of Saint Kabir.
- III. Gita Govinda is a famous poem written by Chaitanya Prabhu.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

40. Identify the classical dance using its characteristics that have been mentioned below:

- I. It is the only dance that represents a unique synthesis of Hindu and Muslim culture.
- II. It is a classical dance style of North India.
- III. It started as an oral tradition but later mime and gestures were added.
- IV. Pandit Birju Maharaj, Pandit Lachhu Maharaj are some of the eminent persons of this dance form.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Kathak
- (b) Kathakali
- (c) Odissi
- (d) Kuchipudi

41. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List I (Buddhist Councils)	List II (Presided by)
A. First Council	I. Mogaliputta Tissa
B. Second Council	II. Sabakami
C. Third Council	III. Maha Kasyapa
D. Fourth Council	IV. Vasumitra

Code:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	I	II	III	IV
(b)	II	IV	I	III
(c)	II	I	IV	III
(d)	III	II	I	IV

42. With reference to the Jainism, consider the following pairs:

Famous Shrine	Location
I. Shantinatha Temple	: Bundhelkhand
II. Dilwara Temple	: Mount Abu
III. Gomateshwara Temple	: Telanagana Plateau

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

43. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

## List I

### (Writers)

- A. Kalidasa
- B. Somadeva
- C. Kalhana
- D. Banabhatta

## List II

### (Works)

- I. Rajataranagini
- II. Harshacharita
- III. Abhijananashakuntalam
- IV. Kathasaritsagara

### Code:

- |     |     |    |     |     |
|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
|     | A   | B  | C   | D   |
| (a) | I   | II | III | IV  |
| (b) | II  | IV | I   | III |
| (c) | III | IV | I   | II  |
| (d) | III | II | I   | IV  |

44. Consider the following statements:

- I. Mughal paintings reached its zenith under Jahangir.
- II. Pahari painting is an umbrella term used for a form of Indian painting done in Rajasthan Aravali region.
- III. Jahangir ordered the preparation of a lavishly illustrated manuscript of the Persian translation of the Hamzanama.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) None of the above

45. Consider the following pairs:

- | Philosophy         | Philosopher      |
|--------------------|------------------|
| I. Advaita         | : Ramanujacharya |
| II. Vishistadvaita | : Adi shankara   |
| III. Pushti Marga  | : Vallabhacharya |

Which of the above pair(s) is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Only III
- (d) All of the above

### Direction for the next two questions:

Given below are two statements, labelled as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read these statements carefully and answer the question as per the codes given below:

### Codes:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

46. **Assertion :** The Rashtrakutas patronized Hinduism.

**Reason :** The Rashtrakutas persecuted Jainas and Buddhists.

47. **Assertion :** The origin of feudal system in ancient India can be traced to Satavahana rulers

**Reason :** There was considerable expansion of the feudal system during the Gupta period

48. Consider the following pairs regarding the architecture of Medieval times:

- | Architecture                  | Associated with  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| I. Purana Qila                | : Sher Shah suri |
| II. Taj Mahal                 | : Shah Jahan     |
| III. Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah | : Aurangzeb      |

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

49. Which of the following were common to both Buddhism and Jainism?

- I. Denial of the efficacy of rituals.
- II. Opposed the authority of the Vedas.
- III. Avoidance of extremities of penance and enjoyment.
- IV. Conception of Moksha.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only III and IV
- (c) Only I, II and IV
- (d) All of the above

50. Which of the following statements are true about the Land Revenue System during Akbar's reign?

- I. Land was classified into different categories namely: Polaj, Parauti, Chachar and Banjar.
- II. Cultivators had to pay the revenue in cash.
- III. "Jama" was the amount assessed and "Hasil" was the amount collected.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

51. Consider the following characteristics about Indian School of Philosophy:

- I. It is the earliest philosophical school in Indian philosophical tradition.
- II. Nature and the spiritual elements together create the world.
- III. The knowledge can be acquired through perception, inference and hearing.

IV. This school of thought does not recognize the existence of god.

Which philosophical school has been described above?

- (a) Mimamsa
- (b) Vaisheshika
- (c) Samkhya
- (d) Nyaya

52. Consider the following statements with reference to the Virshaiva tradition of Bhakti:

- I. Virshaivas believe that on death the devotee will be united with Shiva and will not return to this world.
- II. The Virshaivas encouraged certain practices disapproved in the Dharmashastras.
- III. Virshaivas ceremonially bury their dead instead of burning bodies on funeral pyre.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) None of the above

53. Which of the following folk dances belong to Eastern India?

- I. Lavani.
- II. Bhavai.
- III. Kalaripayattu.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) None of the above

54. Consider following statements about the social policy of Akbar:

- I. Akbar abolished the practice of sati, compulsory burning of widow unless she herself desired.
- II. He increased the age of marriage of girls and boys to 14 and 16 respectively.
- III. Akbar laid emphasis on moral education and mathematics along with secular subjects.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

55. Consider the following statements with reference to the Rigvedic Period:

- I. Samiti (i.e. General Assembly) which was open to all including women was the ultimate authority.
- II. There is well-established Varna System.
- III. It was a pastoral economy that thrived on cattle population.
- IV. Punch-marked coins made of silver began to be used as a medium of exchange.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only II and IV
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) Only II, III and IV

56. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Aurangzeb abolished Rahdari, Pandari and Pilgrim tax.
- II. Aurangzeb discontinued the practice of inscribing the kalmia on the coins.

III. Akbar and Aurangzeb were deeply interested in the manufacture of guns of all types including mobile guns.

IV. Aurangzeb forbade the cultivation of Bhang.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

57. Consider following statements about Kabir and Guru Nanak Dev:

- I. Both believed in the unity and oneness of God.
- II. Both denounced idol-worship, pilgrimages and other formal observances of the various faiths.
- III. Both founded new religions viz. Sikhism and Kabirpanth.
- IV. Like Kabir, Nanak also believed in human equality and brotherhood, and strongly denounced the caste system.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only I, II and IV
- (d) All of the above

58. Consider the following statements regarding 'Advaita' philosophy:

- I. It states that there is no real difference between God, Soul and the world.
- II. It is based on the interpretation of the Upanishads.
- III. It advocates 'Bhakti marg' as the way towards Moksha.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

59. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Tantric rituals in medieval India were followed by lower caste only.
- II. Tantric practitioners were influenced by Shaivism and Buddhism.
- III. Practitioners of tantric practice ignored authority of Vedas.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

60. Consider the following statements about Ancient India:

- I. Slavery existed in ancient India.
- II. Slaves were also made to participate in agriculture activities.
- III. Megasthenes described the condition of slaves in India in his account.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

61. Which of the following statements are true about agriculture in Medieval India?

- I. Agriculture in Medieval India was only for subsistence.

II. Vegetables like potatoes, tomatoes and chillies were introduced to India from the New World at this time.

III. Peasants held their land in collective ownership.

IV. Ain-i-Akbari written by Abul Fazl is an important source of information about agriculture in Akbar's time.

Select the correct answer from the codea given below:

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only II and IV
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) Only II, III and IV.

62. Consider the following statements in the context of Ancient Indian history:

- I. The neolithic settlers were the earliest farming communities.
- II. Pottery first appeared in Mesolithic phase.
- III. Cultivation of rice was first found in Allahabad in the sixth millennium B.C.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

63. Consider the following statements about the Rig Vedic society:

- I. Child marriage was a common practice.
- II. The status of women was poor and they were confined to households.
- III. Widow remarriage was prohibited.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are INCORRECT?

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

64. Which of the following are scientific understandings achieved in Ancient India?

- I. Round shape of earth.
- II. Exact distance between earth and moon.
- III. Knowledge of the cause of eclipses.
- IV. Rotation of Earth.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only I, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

65. 'Ashtapradhan' was a popular term used in medieval period of Indian History. What does the term mean?

- (a) The term signifies 8 important literary and cultural court personalities during Great Cholas.
- (b) The term was used for the most important court luminaries during the reign of Akbar.
- (c) The term was used for an administrative officer overseeing 8 departments during the reign of Krishna Deva Raya .
- (d) The term was used for the 8 ministers during the reign of Shivaji.

66. Consider the following statements about Bengal School of Painting that flourished throughout India during the British Raj in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century:

- I. They followed modern western art forms and dismissed the ancient Indian art as primitive.
- II. It only painted themes related to Indian freedom struggle so as to generate nationalistic consciousness.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

67. Which of the following places have the wall paintings?

- I. Bhimbetka caves.
- II. Ajanta caves.
- III. Bagh caves.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

68. Which of the following best describes about Bhand Pather?

- (a) It is folk art of Assamese tribals.
- (b) It is a way of painting natural objects on broad leaves.
- (c) It is a traditional theatre form of Kashmir.
- (d) It is a style of playing flute made from tree straws in Meghalaya.

69. Consider the following statements about Ashoka's Dhamma:

- I. It contained the ideal of a 'welfare state'.
- II. It advocated tolerance among all the religious

sects.

III. It banned punishment of offenders and their imprisonment.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) Only II and III

70. Consider the following statements about the religious life in the Harappan Civilization:

- I. Trees and animals were worshipped by the Harappans.
- II. Harappans did not practice idol worship of deities.
- III. Both male and female deities were worshipped.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

71. The Amara-nayaka system was a major political innovation of the Vijayanagara Empire. The Amara-Nayakas were: .

- (a). Military commanders who were given territories to govern.
- (b). Chiefs of major municipalities.
- (c). Peasants who were made independent cultivators in order to encourage greater loyalty to the crown.
- (d). Independent spy advisors to the King.

72. Consider the following statements about the Alvars and Nayanars:

I. They disapproved of the caste based discrimination in India.

II. They did not produce any written compositions.

III. Women devotees were not allowed within the Sangha.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) Only II and III

73. Identify the temple associated with these following characteristics:

- I. One of the earliest structural temples made in Dravidian style of architecture.
- II. The shrines are dedicated to Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu.
- III. It is listed amongst the World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.
- IV. It is acknowledged for being the first stone structure made by Pallavas.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Mahabodhi temple
- (b) Virupaksha temple
- (c) Shore temple
- (d) Durga temple (Aihole)

74. Consider the following statements regarding the Music of India:

- I. The music of Northern India continued to develop along its original line.
- II. The music of South assimilated some features of the music of Persian and Arabic musicians.

- III. Music was known during the Harappan Civilisation.
- IV. Devdasi system where devdasis used to entertain temple deity emerged during Post-Gupta age.

Which of the statements given above are INCORRECT?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only III and IV
- (c) Only I, II and IV
- (d) All of the above

75. Consider the following statements about Amir Khusrau:

- I. He is credited with inventing the Sitar and Tabla.
- II. He was a Sufi mystic and a spiritual disciple of Nizamuddin Auliya.
- III. He is also credited with enriching Indian classical music by introducing Persian and Arabic elements in it.
- IV. He was the originator of the khayal and tarana styles of music.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) All of the above

76. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Ajanta Caves is the first Buddhist Cave monument.
- II. Ellora Caves represent only two major religions of India- Hinduism and Buddhism.

- III. Scriptures of Shiva in fierce and meditative postures, three headed form of Shiva is in Bhimbetka Caves.
- IV. Group of monuments at Pattadakal is a blend of Nagara and Dravidian style.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and IV
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

77. Which of the following are correctly matched?

### LIST -I

#### (Ashokan Pillars)

- I. Sarnath
- II. Sankisa
- III. Rampurva
- IV. Lauriya-Nandangarh

### LIST-II

#### (Animal Capitals)

- A. Four Lions
- B. Single Bull
- C. Single Elephant
- D. Peacock

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and IV
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) Only I, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

78. Consider the following statements with reference to the Chishti Silsilah:

- I. This order believes that serving mankind was the best form of devotion.
- II. A major feature of the Chisti tradition was austerity including, maintaining a distance from worldly power.
- III. The Chisti order formed Khanqah to reach the local communities.
- IV. The Chistis were absolutely isolated from the political power.



Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only I, III and IV
- (d) Only II, III and IV

79. Arrange the following pottery culture in the ascending order of their appearance (i.e. from oldest to youngest):

- I. Ochre Coloured Pottery.
- II. Painted Grey Ware.
- III. Northern Black Polished Ware.
- IV. Black Polished Ware.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) I – II – III – IV
- (b) IV – I – II – III
- (c) IV – I – III – II
- (d) I – IV – III – II

80. Which of the following rituals were performed in the Vedic Age to expand the powers of the King?

- I. Rajasuya.
- II. Ashvamedha.
- III. Vajapeya.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

## QUESTIONS ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

81. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Coastal Berth Scheme':

- I. It aims for the creation of infrastructure for movement of cargo and passenger by national waterways.
- II. It is a pan India scheme under the flagship Sagarmala Programme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements with reference to India-WRIS:

- I. India-WRIS is a joint venture of the Central Water Commission (CWC) and World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).
- II. India-WRIS Web GIS is a single window solution for planning and development.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

83. Consider the following pairs:

- I. Sonapur Cattle Fair: Bihar
- II. Gangasagar Mela: West Bengal
- III. Ambubachi Fair: Assam
- IV. Hemis Gompa Fair: Mizoram

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

84. 'Aeolis Dorsa', is related to which planet:

- (a) Earth
- (b) Mars
- (c) Pluto
- (d) Saturn

85. Consider the following statements with reference to India Youth Development Index (YDI) and Report 2017:

- I. It is published by Union Ministry of State for Youth Affairs and Sports.
- II. It tracks the trends in Youth Development across the States.
- III. It covers people in the age group of 15-29 years.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

86. Consider the following statements with reference to Prime Minister's Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative:

- I. It will promote renewable energy in the valley.
- II. PMO is the implementing Agency.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements with reference to FAME-India:

- I. The scheme is formulated by Department of Heavy Industry.
- II. The scheme is one of the green initiatives of the Government of India.

III. The scheme is intended to support the hybrid/electric vehicles market development.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

88. Which of the following statements about Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) is/are true?

- I. The Asia-Africa Growth Corridor or AAGC is an economic co-operation agreement between the Governments of India, South Africa and Japan.
- II. AAGC will essentially be a sea corridor linking Africa with India and other countries of South-East Asia and Oceania.
- III. The AAGC would be funded majorly by Asian Development Bank and Japan International Co-operation Agency.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

89. Consider the following statements with reference to Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI):

- I. Hospital Acquired Infections are also called nosocomial.
- II. Multidrug resistant TB comes under HAI.
- III. It is an important cause for the evolution of superbug.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

90. With reference to the payment systems in India, consider the following statements:

- I. The Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems is the highest policy making body on payment systems in the country.
- II. The Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems is under the Ministry of Finance.
- III. The board also deals with bitcoins.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) All of the above

91. Which of the following best describes about 'Project Everyone'?

- (a). It is a programme of World Bank to eradicate poverty.
- (b). It is a programme of World Health Organization to eradicate non-communicable diseases.
- (c). It is a programme of UNDP for SDGs awareness.
- (d). It is a programme of UNEP to address climate change.

92. Consider the following statements about 'Power Tex India' Scheme:

- I. PowerTex India is a comprehensive scheme for powerloom sector development.
- II. The scheme is implemented jointly by Ministry of Power and Ministry of Textiles.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II

- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

93. Consider the following statements about 'The Jnanpith Award':

- I. The Jnanpith Award is an Indian literary award presented annually by the Ministry of Culture.
- II. The award is bestowed only on Indian writers.
- III. It is also conferred posthumously.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

94. Consider the following statements with reference to National Testing Agency (NTA):

- I. It is an autonomous organization to conduct entrance examinations for higher educational institutions.
- II. It will be self sustaining Agency.
- III. Its chairman will be appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

95. In which of the following states Inner Line Permit (ILP) is required?

- I. Arunachal Pradesh.
- II. Nagaland.
- III. Meghalaya.
- IV. Mizoram.

Choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and IV
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

**96.** Consider the following statements with reference to the recently held IMBAX 2017:

- I. It is the first of its kind military training exercise between India and Myanmar.
- II. The exercise involves training of officers in various UN peace keeping roles.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**97.** Read the following statements carefully and choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- I. Initial Coin Offering (ICO) is a regulated means by which funds are raised for a new cryptocurrency venture.
- II. It is used by startups to bypass the rigorous and regulated capital-raising process.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

**98.** Consider the following statements with reference to UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN):

- I. It was established in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development.

II. It is awarded in the fields of Crafts and Folk Arts, Media Arts, Film, Design, Gastronomy, Literature and Music.

III. Three cities for the first time from India have been designated as members of UCCN.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

**99.** Consider the following statements with reference to 'Hausla 2017':

- I. It is organized every year by the Ministry of Defence.
- II. It will mainly showcase acts of bravery and valour of armed forces of nation.

Which of the above statements is/are INCORRECT?

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

**100.** Consider the following statements about Brahmos Missile:

- I. It is a supersonic cruise missile developed indigenously by DRDO.
- II. It can be launched only from land.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

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