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ANCIENT HISTORY

TEST BOOKLET

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 9. Sheet for rough work are appended in the Test Booklet at the end.

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1. With reference to the Chalcolithic Culture, consider the following statements:
 1. The Chalcolithic people extensively used burnt bricks in their settlements.
 2. The Chalcolithic people used a large number of small sized stone tools known as 'microliths'.
 3. The rate of infant mortality in the Chalcolithic settlements was very high.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

2. With reference to the pottery traditions in India, consider the following statements:
 1. The Iron Age in North India coincides with the painted Grey Ware culture.
 2. The Northern Black Polished Ware culture (NBPW) is associated with the age of Mahajanapadas.
 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

3. Which of the following animals were represented in Sculptural art of the Indus valley Civilization?
 1. Tiger
 2. Crocodile
 3. Horse
 4. Unicorn (Bull)
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2, and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

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

1. Harappan Civilization was the exporter of semi-precious stones and a major importer of agriculture products.
 2. The Harappan people produced enough copper ore to export it to its contemporary Mesopotamian civilization.
 3. Gold, silver, nickel and iron was used predominantly in Harappan civilization.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) None of the above
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5. Which of the following paintings are found in Bhimbetka near Bhopal?
 1. Hunting
 2. Cooking
 3. Dancing
 4. Fishing
 Select the correct answer using the code given below.
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
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6. In the context of ancient history of India, Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 1. Beginning of agriculture, animal domestication and permanent residence were built in the Neolithic period.
 2. Due to surplus production in agriculture large villages came to exist and began the cultural development in the Neolithic period.
 Select the correct answer using the code given below.
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements regarding the Harappan civilization:

1. They were located on semi-arid lands and required irrigation.
2. Dholavira was equipped with a system of water reservoirs.

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

8. With reference to the ancient history of India, the word Shamans refer to:

- (a) A priest who performed the last rites of the dead.
- (b) Men and women with healing and magical powers.
- (c) Traders during the time of the Indus valley civilization.
- (d) The wandering ascetic who renounced all worldly existence.

9. Consider the following pairs:

Harappan sites - Important findings

1. Mohenjo Daro - Great Bath
2. Lothal - Stadium
3. Dholavira - Dockyard

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

10. Consider the following statements with reference to the Neolithic age:

1. The Neolithic Age saw a man turning into a food producer from a food gatherer.
2. The Neolithic Age cultivated ragi, horse gram, cotton, rice, wheat, and barley.
3. The Neolithic Age people lived in circular houses which were made of mud and reed.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

11. Which of the following is incorrect about Vedic Period?

1. Rig vedic Aryans fought for cows and these fights were known as gavishti.
2. The cow was held sacred.
3. The early Aryan led the life of a hunter gatherer.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

12. Consider the following statements regarding Rig Vedic Age:

1. The king maintained a standing army under a military commander.
2. The rig Vedic people used chariots for warfare.

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

13. The word "Vish" used in Rig Veda is referred to as -

- (a) Shudras that belonged to the fourth varna.
- (b) A sacrifice performed by the king that is supposed to confer supreme power on him
- (c) People or community as a whole
- (d) Tribal clan-based assemblies

14. Consider the following statements regarding to Vedic age:

1. The aranyakas contain mystical instructions to be undertaken in secret by the sages who live in the forest.

2. The sama veda was composed in musical notes which are considered to constitute the basis of Indian music. Which of the statements given above is are/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
15. With reference to the Early Vedic period, consider the following statements:
- The early Vedic society was male dominated.
 - Agriculture was their primary occupation.
 - They domesticated the horse.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
16. Consider the following statements regarding ancient India:
- Ajatshatru was responsible for ending the longstanding rivalry between Magadha and Avanti.
 - Smelting of iron ore was extensively done in the cities of the Avanti kingdom.
- Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
17. Which of the following taxes were imposed at the time of Mahajanapadas?
- Bali
 - Bhaga
 - Kara
 - Shulka
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1, 2 and 4 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4
18. Which of the following were the features of the sixteen mahajanapadas?
- Some of the mahajanapadas were monarchies and ruled by kings.
 - Some Mahajanapadas acquired incipient armies and maintained regular bureaucracies.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
19. During the Rig vedic period Gopa term refers to the -
- Chief of tribes
 - Chief of Army
 - Chariots maker
 - Chief of cattles
20. In the context of ancient history of India, Consider the following statements:
- Barter system was the mode of exchange at the time of Rig Veda.
 - The polity of the Rig vedic period was tribal in character.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
21. Which of the following texts mentioned about the list of all 16 mahajanapadas?
- Bhagvatisutra
 - Anguttara Nikaya
 - Indica
 - Arthashastra
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - All of above

22. Which one of the following was not the cause for the Rise of Jainism and Buddhism during the Mahajanapada period?

- (a) Religious unrest in India in the 6th century B.C.
- (b) Complex rituals and sacrifices advocated in the Later Vedic period.
- (c) Declining economic conditions of the Vaisyas.
- (d) The teachings of Upanishads were highly philosophical in nature.

23. With reference to the cultural history of India, consider the following pairs: Buddhist council Place

- 1. First Buddhist Council Vaishali
- 2. Second Buddhist Council Rajagriha
- 3. Third Buddhist Council Pataliputra
- 4. Fourth Buddhist Council Kashmir

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

24. Consider the following statements regarding Vajrayana:

- 1. It developed as a sub-sect of Buddhism in India around the 1st century B.C.
- 2. It marked the development of tantric ideas in Buddhist teachings.

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

25. Which of the following statements in context of the Jain Philosophy?

- 1. The foundation of the basic philosophy of the Jainas was laid down by Mahavira.
- 2. It mandates monastic existence for salvation.
- 3. It believes in the cycle of birth and rebirth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding the age of the Buddha:

- 1. The decline in the circulation of coins as compared to the Vedic times.
- 2. Emergence of a large number of nucleated settlements.
- 3. Emergence of intermediaries for the purpose of tax collection.
- 4. Extensive use of paddy transplantation for the purpose of rice production.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. In the context of history of India, Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Hinayana is an orthodox form of Buddhism and believes in the original preaching of Buddha
- 2. Theravadins is a subsect under Hinayana Buddhism.

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

28. Which of the following are the components of Triratnas (three jewels) of Buddhism?

- (a) Sutta, Vinaya, Abhidhamma
- (b) Buddha, Dhamma, Sangha
- (c) Darshana, Gyana, Charitra
- (d) Dipankar, Gautam, Maitreya

29. In reference to Buddhism, consider the following statements:

1. Padmapani is regarded as the bodhisattva of power.
2. Bodhisattvas are both male and female.
3. Vajrayana Buddhism believes in the Tantric practices.
4. Buddha was a contemporary of Bimbisara and Ashoka.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding Jainism:

1. Digambara school of Jainism practices complete nudity and prohibits women from being a part of this sect.
2. Brahmacharya is rigidly practiced under the Svetambara school of Jainism.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

31. In context of the Mauryan Empire, consider the following statements regarding Bindusara:

1. Bindusara was the founder of the Mauryan Empire.
2. He supported the religious sect called Ajivikas.
3. He received Deimachus as ambassador from the Syrian king Antiochus I.
4. He defeated Selukus Nikator, the general of Alexander the Great.

Which of the statements given above are incorrect?

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

32. Consider the following statements regarding Ashoka Dhamma:

1. His policy of Dhamma was restricted to the principles of Buddhism.
2. Tolerance among all religious sects is one of the important principles of Dhamma
3. He appointed officials known as Dhamma Mahamatta who went from place to place teaching people about his dhamma.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

33. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the rule of Chandragupta-II?

1. Devagupta, Devaraja, Simhavikram are the titles assumed by him.
2. He was the first Gupta ruler to issue silver coins.

Select the correct answer using codes given below:

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

34. In the context of history of India, Which of the following were in the court of ChandraguptaII?

1. Charak
2. Kalidasa
3. Sushruta

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding the Satavahanas:

1. Gautamiputra Satkarni was the founder of the Satavahana Dynasty

2. The Satavahanas retained some of the administrative units of Ashokan times.
3. The lowest level of administration was a grama, which was under the charge of a gaulmika
4. Satavahanas issued mainly gold and silver coins.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 2 and 3 only
(b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 3 and 4 only
36. Consider the following statements about the sangam literature:
1. Tolkappiyam is a treatise on grammar and poetics.
2. Tolkappiyam is the only book surviving from the first sangam.
3. Silappadikaram written by Sittalai Sattanar provides valuable information on the Sangam polity and society.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) None of the above
37. Which of the following rulers and their kingdom region is correctly matched?
- Ruler Ruled region
1. Pushyabhuti Thanjavur
2. Palas Patliputra
3. Rashtrakutas Thaneswar
- Select the correct answer using codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1 only
(d) 2 and 3 only
38. Consider the following statements regarding Pala rulers:
1. They were great patrons of Sanskrit learning and Hindu Religion.
2. Pala empires were divided into bhukti (provinces), and mandala or visaya (districts).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
39. With reference to the history of India, Consider the following pairs: Text Author
1. Brihat Samhita Varahamihira
2. Ashtanga Samgraha Banabhatta
3. Kavyadarsa Dandin
- Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
40. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Allahabad Pillar inscription?
1. It is related only to Samudragupta.
2. It is written by Harisena in Sanskrit language.
3. It proves that the character of Samudragupta was like that of Ashoka.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 only
(d) None of the Above
41. With reference to Prayag Prashasti, "the most important historical document of the classical Gupta age", consider the following statements:
1. It is an inscription composed by Samudragupta himself to depict his political and military achievements.
2. It is written in the Kharosthi Script.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only

- (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 2 only
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
42. With reference to the history of india, consider the following pairs :
1. Charaka - His work called "Brihat Jataka" is a remarkable work on astrology.
 2. Varahamihira - He wrote Abhijnashakuntalam, a remarkable play.
 3. Amarasingha - He is considered to be the father of Ayurveda.
- Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) All of the above
(d) None of the above
43. In context of the Gupta period societal conditions, consider the following statements:
1. As compared to the pre-Gupta period, the caste system had become rigid during the Gupta period.
 2. The progress of Brahmanism led to the neglect of Buddhism and Jainism.
 3. The position of women had also become miserable during the Gupta period.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
44. Aihole Inscription is related to defeat of which of the following rulers?
- (a) Chandragupta II
(b) Harshavardhana
(c) Kumaragupta
(d) Samudragupta
45. In the context of Gupta empire, Consider the following statements:
1. Inter-caste marriage was not supported by the Gupta rulers.
 2. The reign of Samudragupta marked the beginning of the Gupta era.
- 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
46. Consider the following pairs with reference to
The Mauryan Empire: Administration
1. Samaharta - Chief Revenue Collector
 2. Sannidhata - Chief Treasury Officer
 3. Navadhyaksha - Superintendent of ships
 4. Sitadhyaksha - Superintendent of the market
- How many pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) Only three pairs
(b) Only four pair
(c) Only two pairs
(d) All the pairs
47. With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements:
1. Vishakhadatta, the author of "Mudrarakshasa" was in the court in the court of Ashoka
 2. Megasthenes, a Greek ambassador, sent by Seleucus to the court of Chandragupta Maurya
 3. The Maurya Empire was finally destroyed by pushyamitra shunga
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
48. Consider the following statements about Fa-hsien and Hsuan Tsang:
1. Fa-Xian visited India during the reign of Gupta king Chandragupta-II, whereas Xuan Zang visited India

during the reign of Pallava King Narsimha Varman.

2. Both of them came from Central Asia and returned the same way.

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

49. Consider the following pairs of inscriptions and their descriptions:

Inscription - Association

- 1. Junagarh Inscription - Rudradaman I
- 2. Hathigumpha Inscription - Chandragupta-I
- 3. Nasik Inscription - Gautamiputra Satakarni
- 4. Aihole Inscription - Pulakesin-II

Which of the pairs given above are correct?

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

50. Consider the following statements with regard to Chandragupta II:

- 1. The Nalanda University was developed under the patronage of Chandragupta II.
- 2. Chandragupta II was the last ruler of the Gupta dynasty.

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