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SUBJECT WISE TEST: VPT043 ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL HISTORY TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: 120 mins

Maximum Marks: 200

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1. What is the correct chronological order in which the following emerged in India?

1. Iron plough
2. Use of Copper
3. Agriculture
4. Urban culture

Options:

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Buddhism:

1. Statement-I: Becoming Arhat was a bigger goal for Mahayana Buddhism than following the path of Bodhisattva.
2. Statement-II: Arhats disappear from the cycle of Samsara after attaining nirvana, whereas Bodhisattvas delay their nirvana to help others.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is Correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

3. With reference to ancient Indian history, consider the following pairs:

Literary work : Author

1. Vikramorvashiya : Kalidasa
2. Ashtadhyayi : Panini
3. Mudrarakshasa : Vishakhadatta

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

4. With reference to Jainism in ancient history, consider the following statements:

1. It recognized the existence of Gods and considered them superior to the Jaina.
2. It does not believe in the authority of Veda.
3. It believes in the existence of eternal soul but rejects the idea of rebirth.

Which statement given above is/are correct?

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

5. With respect to economy of Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC), consider the following statements:

1. There were trade links between IVC and Mesopotamia.
2. Cotton was used for manufacturing textile.
3. Traces of canal have been found in some sites.
4. Barley and rice were the most common crops cultivated.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

6. With reference to the Sangam Literature, consider the following statements:

1. Poems were majorly composed on two broad themes of love and war.
2. The literature portrays contemporary society and harmonious interactions with northern culture.
3. Tolkappiyam is the earliest compendium on Tamil grammar.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

(d) 2 and 3 only

7. With respect to the Administrative System of Mauryan, consider the following statements:

1. There was no organized taxation system and the economy relied on voluntary tributes.
2. Administrative officials were chosen by local assemblies.
3. The judicial system operated with both civil and criminal courts.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding "Prayag Prashasti":

1. It mentions the praise of Samudragupta.
2. It was composed by Kalidasa.
3. It was composed in Sanskrit language.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

9. With respect to Sangam age in ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. Hereditary monarchy was the form of government.
2. Murugan was the primary deity.
3. The practice of Sati was prevalent in the higher strata of society.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

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

10. With reference to the Satavahana of ancient Indian history, consider the following statements:

1. Kingdom was divided into subdivisions called aharas.
2. Satavahanas kings were the first to make tax free land grants to Buddhists and Brahmanas.
3. The Prakrit text 'Gathasaptasati' is attributed to the Satavahana king Satakarni I.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

11. With reference to the cultural history of India, which one of the following is the correct description of the term 'upasaka'?

- (a) It refers to a priest who performs rituals in Hindu temples
- (b) It refers to a Jaina scholar who voluntarily fasts to death.
- (c) It refers to lay followers of Buddhism who are not monks but practice the teachings.
- (d) It refers to a person who has achieved enlightenment and leads a religious community.

12. With reference to the judicial system during Gupta period, consider the following statements:

1. There was no demarcation between the civil and the criminal laws.
2. Laws continued to be based on differences in varnas.
3. The King tried cases with the help of brahmana priests.

Which of these statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) None

13. Consider the following pairs:

Sites of Ashoka's rock edicts Location

1. Dhauli Andhra Pradesh
2. Girnar Gujrat
3. Sannati Karnataka

4. Maski Odisha

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

14. With reference to the Indian history of art and culture, consider the following pairs:

Famous work of Sculpture Site

1. Sculpture of Trimurti, depicting Shiva with three faces - Ellora caves
2. Sculpture of Varaha or Boar incarnation of Vishnu - Udayagiri caves
3. Images of both Standing Buddha and sitting Buddha flanked by Bodhisattvas - Kanheri Caves

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

15. Consider the following statements with respect to the social conditions during the Gupta Period:

1. The superiority of the Brahmans deteriorated as the Gupta princes were not great supporters of the Brahmanical order.
2. The castes proliferated into numerous sub-castes.
3. The position of sudras and women improved in this period.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

16. Consider the following pairs:

Terms related to the Mauryan Administration- Description

1. Yuktas Incharge of pastoral lands.
2. Vivitadhyaksha Tax collector
3. Stanika Officer incharge of land measurement and boundary-fixing.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

17. With reference to the architectural features of Buddhist stupas, what does the term "Vedika" specifically denote?

- (a) Circumambulatory path around the stupa.
- (b) A type of stone railing that encloses the sacred structure.
- (c) Two flights of stairs leading to the upper terrace.
- (d) A symbolic stone umbrella located at the top of the stupa.

18. With reference to the Chandragupta II of Gupta empire, consider the following statements:

1. He adopted the title of "Vikramaditya".
2. He made Ujjain his second capital.
3. The Chinese traveler Fa-hsien visited India during his reign.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

19. Consider the following pairs:

Temple Style of temple architecture

1. Kandariya Mahadev Temple at Khajuraho : Nagara style
2. Kailashnath temple at Ellora : Dravida Style
3. Hoysaleswara temple at Halebidu : Vesara Style

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one

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

20. In the context of ancient India, the terms Khila, Aprahata, Pankila denote:

- (a) Land measurement units
- (b) Coins of different metals
- (c) Types of land classification
- (d) Types of taxes imposed

21. With reference to Indian history of art and culture, consider the following statements:

1. Karle Cave has the largest Chaitya-griha among all Buddhist monuments in India.
2. Buddhist sculptures at Udayagiri caves depict the Mahaparinirvana of Buddha with Jataka themes.
3. Ajanta Caves feature both Hinayana and Mahayana Buddhist themes in their murals.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

22. With respect to the Rig Vedic and Later Vedic Periods in ancient history of India, which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Both Rigvedic and Later Vedic societies were strictly hierarchical from the beginning.
- (b) Women in the Later Vedic period enjoyed greater independence and participation in public life.
- (c) Both periods primarily focused on complex rituals and avoided philosophical discussions entirely.
- (d) The Rigvedic period had a fluid social structure, whereas the varna system dominated in Later Vedic period

23. Consider the following statements regarding Dharmashastras :

1. Dharmashastras comprise of Dharmasutras and Smritis along with their commentaries.
2. They prescribe the rules according to which property is to be held, sold and inherited.
3. A major portion of Dharmashastras was written by Kautilya.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. With reference to the Nagara Style of temple Architecture, consider the following statements:

1. They usually have elaborate boundary walls or gateways.
2. They may have one or several shikhara.
3. The garbhagriha is always located directly under the tallest tower.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements with respect to the administrative system of the Guptas:

1. Administration was strictly centralized in nature.
2. Recruitment in bureaucracy was confined to the upper varnas only.
3. The kingship and bureaucracy were generally hereditary.
4. The artisans and merchants were part of town administration.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

26. With reference to the period of Maurya dynasty in ancient India, the towns Tamralipti, Bhṛigukachchha, and Sopara were well known for:

- (a) Ports handling foreign trade
- (b) Capital for regional powers
- (c) Places of exquisite stone art and architecture
- (d) Important Buddhist pilgrimage centres

27. With reference to Art and Architecture of Mauryas, consider the following statements:

- 1. Pillar capitals show indigenous elements with Persian and Hellenistic features.
- 2. It marked the first use of polished stone on a larger scale in India.
- 3. Sculptures entirely avoided human or animal forms while focusing solely on geometric patterns.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

28. Consider the following pairs:

Site Well-known for

- 1. Dholavira - Dockyard
- 2. Lothal - Evidence of rice
- 3. Mohenjodaro - Dancing girl figurine
- 4. Kalibangan - Terracotta plough

Which of the pairs given above are not correctly matched?

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

29. Consider the following reasons for the decline of the Gupta Empire:

- 1. Invasion by the Hunas from Central Asia.
- 2. Challenge from the Malwa prince, Yashodharman.

3. Feudatories in North Bengal becoming independent.

4. Loss of revenue due to loss of western India.

How many of the reasons given above are not correct?

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

30. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Barabar caves located in Bihar?

- 1. Barabar rock cut caves are older than the Udayagiri rock cut caves of Madhya Pradesh.
- 2. These caves were donated by Ashoka for the Ajivika sect.
- 3. Sudama and Lomas rishi caves are two significant caves.

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

31. With reference to the Rig Vedic Period in ancient India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The sabha seems to have been a smaller, more elite gathering, whereas the samiti appears to have been a larger assembly presided over by the Rajan.
- 2. Women attended the Sabha during the Rig Vedic times.

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

32. Consider the following statements with respect to foreign trade in the post-Mauryan age:

1. Foreign trade mainly included articles of daily or common use.
2. The Romans first started trade with the southernmost part of India.
3. There was considerable transit trade in silk between India and the Roman Empire.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding the administrative system of Harshavardhana :

1. He made Kannauj, the seat of his power.
2. The administrative set-up was highly centralized.
3. He started the feudal practice of rewarding officers with land grants.
4. The law and order was strict and well-maintained.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements about Nataraja sculpture of Chola period:

1. The sculpture symbolizes the cosmic cycle of creation, protection and destruction
2. One of the hands of Lord Shiva is in Abhaya Mudra.
3. The earliest known example of Nataraja sculpture belongs to the Chola period.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

35. With reference to the history of ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. Indo-Greeks were the first Central Asians to invade India.
2. Kushana was the first to issue gold coins in India.
3. The Kushana ruler, Rudradaman I repaired the Sudarshana lake in Kathiawar.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. "He is known from a Prashasti, composed by his court poet Ravikirti. He evidently got the kingdom from his uncle and defeated the Vardhana ruler Harsha on the bank of Narmada."

Which of the following rulers has been described above?

- (a) Pulakeshin II of Chalukya
- (b) Narasimhavarman-I of Pallava
- (c) Rajendra I of Chola
- (d) Nedunjeral Adan of Chera

37. With reference to the ancient India, Hallur, Daojali Hading, and Paiyampalli were well known sites for:

- (a) Ports
- (b) Neolithic sites
- (c) Buddhist monasteries
- (d) Trading centers

38. With reference to the Gupta Age, consider the following pairs:

Administrative Unit: Headed By

1. Pradesha : Uparika
2. Bhukti : Vishayapati
3. Grama : Gramadhyaksha

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

39. With reference to Chalukyas in ancient India, consider the following statements:

1. They set up their kingdom towards the beginning of the 6th century AD with their capital at Vatapi.
2. They were embroiled in a constant conflict with the Kadambas to establish supremacy over the Krishna-Tungabhadra doab.

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

40. With reference to the Vedic period, consider the following statements:

1. Rajasuya sacrifice included a ritual chariot race in which the rajan raced against his kinsmen and defeated them.
2. In Rigveda, river Jhelum has been referred to as Vitasta.
3. Gandharva veda is an upaveda associated with Samaveda.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

41. With reference to the Shore temple of Mahabalipuram, consider the following statements:

1. The temple houses shrines of Lord Shiva as well as Lord Vishnu
2. It is a monolithic rock-cut temple.
3. It is believed to be built during the rule of Pallavan King Narasimhavarman II

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

42. Which among the following were the features of Buddhist sculpture in Gandhara School of art?

1. Heavy ornamentation
2. Halo around head
3. Usage of red sandstone
4. Detailed physical features

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

43. With reference to Indian classical music, consider the following statements:

1. The Hindustani classical music assimilated some features of the Persian and Arabic music, whereas the Carnatic music continued to develop along its own original lines.
2. The Dhrupad of Hindustani music has many features in common with the Kriti of Carnatic music.

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

44. Consider the following kingdoms/rulers:

1. Kadamba kingdom
2. Western Gangas or Gangas of Mysore
3. Chalukyas of Badami
4. Satavahanas.
5. Vakatakas

How many of the above were contemporaries of Pallavas?

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

45. Arrange the following Mahajanapadas of ancient India from North to South:

1. Kosala
2. Avanti
3. Kamboja

4. Asamaka

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

46. With reference to the Chalcolithic Culture of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The society had a tribal structure, with no evidence of class divisions.
- 2. People were aware of metals like copper, bronze and iron.
- 3. Daimabad and Inamgaon show features of the urban stage.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

47. Consider the following pairs:

Period: Major pottery Used

- 1. Indus Valley Civilisation: Northern Black Polished Ware.
- 2. Megalithic Culture : Black and Red Ware.
- 3. Vedic Period : Painted Grey Ware.
- 4. Mauryan Age : Ochre-Colored Pottery.

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

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

48. Which of the following is a traditional ritual theater of the Uttarakhand region that has been included in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO?

- (a) Bhavai
- (b) Ramman
- (c) Swaang
- (d) Bhaona

49. "He ruled in the seventh century and was responsible for building temples at Panamalai, Mandagapattu and Kanchipuram. The inscription at Mandagapattu mentions him with titles such as Vichitra Chitta, Chitrakarapuli, Chaityakari, which show his interest in art activities." Identify the ruler from the description given above:

- (a) Harshavardhana
- (b) Pulakeshin II
- (c) Narsimhavarman
- (d) Mahendravarman I

50. Which of the following ancient Indian texts is composed by Buddhist nuns and provides insights into women's social and spiritual experiences?

- (a) Nettipakarana
- (b) Divyavadana
- (c) Therigatha
- (d) Dipavamsa

51. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Statement-I: Saint Kabir belonged to the Nirguna tradition of the Bhakti movement.
- 2. Statement-II: Saint Kabir advocated belief in a formless God without any attributes.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

52. Bhavabhuti, a renowned Sanskrit dramatist who authored the Uttararamacharita, was a court poet under which of the following rulers?

- (a) Deva Raya II
- (b) Yashovarman of Kannauj

- (c) Kulottunga I
- (d) Rajendra Chola I

53. With reference to the Maratha Administrative Units, which one of the following was the smallest unit of their administration?

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

54. Consider the following statements regarding the local self-government in the villages under the Chola Empire :

1. Ur and Mahasabha were the two assemblies mentioned in the Chola inscriptions.
2. Mahasabha was a general assembly of the village, while the Ur was a gathering of the adult men in the Brahmana villages.

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

55. With reference to the History of India, which among the following events happened earliest?

- (a) Emergence of the Sultanate of Golconda
- (b) Establishment of the Vijayanagara Empire
- (c) Conquest of Goa by the Portuguese
- (d) Establishment of the Gajapati kingdom of Orissa

56. With reference to the Pratihara King "Bhoja", consider the following statements:

1. He made Ujjain the capital of the Pratihara empire.
2. He adopted the title of 'Adivaraha'.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

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

57. With reference to the Bahmani Kingdom, consider the following statements:

1. It was established by Mahmud Gawan in the Deccan region.
2. Mohammad bin Tughlaq was ruler of Delhi Sultanate when the Bahmani Kingdom was formed.

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

58. They are devotees of Lord Vitthal, a manifestation of Vishnu. They don't believe in discrimination based on caste, creed, language or religion. Every year, they undertake a major pilgrimage to the temple of Vitthal in Pandharpur that stands on the banks of river Chandrabhaga.

Which of the following sects have been described in the above passage?

- (a) Dadu Panth
- (b) Nimbaka Sampradaya
- (c) Warkari
- (d) Natha Sampradaya

59. With reference to Medieval India Salher, Gingee, and Panhala were well known as:

- (a) Centres of Trade
- (b) Centres of textile production
- (c) Buddhist shrines
- (d) Forts

60. With reference to Panchayats in Medieval India during the 16th-17th centuries, consider the following statements:

1. Panchayats had the authority to levy fines and impose punishments.
2. Persons expelled by the Panchayats could not practice their profession within the village.

3. Mandal or Muqaddam referred to the headman of the Panchayat.
How many of the statements given above are correct?
(a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
61. With reference to medieval India, Battle of Khanwa was fought between:
(a) Prithviraj Chauhan and Mohammad Ghori
(b) Jayachandra and Mahmud of Ghazni
(c) Rana Sanga and Babur
(d) Sher Shah Suri and Humayun
62. Consider the following pairs :
King : Dynasty
1. Gopala : Rashtrakutas
2. Dhruva : Pratihara
3. Dantidurga : Chalukyas
How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
(a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
63. With reference to the Vijayanagara Kingdom, the term 'Mahanavami dibba' refers to:
(a) Victory procession of King after the wars/ battles
(b) Ritual of Human Sacrifice performed in the annual fair of God Vishnu.
(c) A massive platform where the Kings sat and watched processions pass by.
(d) Bards/poets in Royal court who composed poems in praise of King and his conquests
64. With reference to Medieval India, what were 'Dawa' and 'Uluq' mentioned by Ibn Battuta in his book 'Rehla'?
(a) Military departments
(b) Charity hospitals
(c) Postal systems
(d) Naval fleets
65. Consider the following statements regarding Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj:
1. Saint Tukaram was his contemporary.
2. He levied Chauth and Sardeshmukhi taxes outside the Maratha kingdom.
3. Member of Shivaji's Ashta-Pradhana who looked after the foreign affairs was known as Sumant.
How many of the above statements are not correct?
(a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None
66. Which of the following Chola rulers sent a naval expedition against the Srivijaya Empire, resulting in the conquest of Kadaram and several other places in the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra?
(a) Aditya I
(b) Rajaraja I
(c) Rajendra I
(d) Vijayalaya
67. With reference to the Iqta system during the Sultanate period in India, consider the following statements:
1. Iqta referred to the land assigned to certain officials for the purpose of administration and revenue collection.
2. Alauddin Khalji made the Iqta system hereditary.
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
68. With reference to Santhal Hul of 1855, consider the following statements :
1. It was a tribal uprising against the Britishers led by Birsa Munda.
2. The local zamindars backed the uprising out of their frustration with the British land revenue policies.

3. The Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act of 1876 was enacted by the British as a result of this uprising.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

69. Which of the following is not correct regarding the Ahoms during the medieval period?

- (a) The Ahoms migrated from present-day Myanmar to the Brahmaputra Valley in the 13th century.
- (b) Ahom state relied on forced labor, with villages providing workers in rotation.
- (c) The Ahom kingdom came under Mughal control during the reign of Akbar.
- (d) Ahom General Lachit Borphukan defeated Aurangzeb in the Battle of Saraighat.

70. Consider the following statements regarding the conflict between the Turks and the Rajputs in the early Medieval Period:

- 1. The Turks had a large number of elephants in their armies.
- 2. The growth of feudalism had weakened the administrative structure and military organization of the Indian states.
- 3. The Turks maintained large standing armies.

How many of the above statements are the reasons for the defeat of the Rajputs against the Turks?

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

71. Consider the following statements regarding the early Bhakti traditions of South India:

- 1. An important theme in Tamil bhakti hymns is the poets' opposition to Buddhism and Jainism.
- 2. Nalayira Divyaprabandham, often described as Tamil Veda, is composed by Nayanars.

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

72. In the court of Emperor Krishnadevaraya, "Ashtadiggajas" were:

- (a) Group of eight powerful ministers
- (b) Eight Telugu poets
- (c) Eight members of King's advisory council
- (d) Group of most revered warriors

73. With reference to the Kitab-ul-Hind, consider the following statements:

- 1. It was written by Al-Biruni.
- 2. It was written in Turkish language.
- 3. It covers a wide range of subjects related to religion, astronomy, and social life.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

74. Consider the following pairs regarding the Rajput dynasties that emerged after the break-up of the Pratihara empire:

Dynasty Region

- 1. Gahadavalas : Kannauj
- 2. Paramaras : Malwa
- 3. Chauhans : Ajmer

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

75. Which of the following empires is associated with the Saranjam System?

- (a) Gupta
- (b) Imperial Chola
- (c) Mughal
- (d) Maratha

76. Which of the following was an important economic measure taken by Devi Ahilyabai Holkar?

- (a) She implemented a standardized currency system for trade.
- (b) She granted land to merchants and weavers to promote the textile industry.
- (c) She imposed high import tariffs to protect local industries.
- (d) She created a centralized banking system for agricultural finance.

77. Consider the following statements regarding the geological history of the Yamuna River:

- 1. The Yamuna was originally a tributary of the Saraswati River before shifting its course eastward.
- 2. The river's current alignment is primarily due to tectonic movements during the Quaternary period.
- 3. The Yamuna follows a rift valley formation similar to the Narmada and Tapi rivers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

78. Consider the following statements regarding the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act):

- 1. The Act grants the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) the authority to regulate, supervise, and control payment systems in India.
- 2. The Act allows foreign entities to operate payment systems in India without requiring RBI approval.

3. Under the Act, the RBI can impose monetary penalties and revoke authorization for non-compliance with regulatory norms.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding the characteristics of the Salmonella bacterium:

- 1. Salmonella is a gram-negative, rod-shaped bacterium that primarily infects the gastrointestinal tract.
- 2. All strains of Salmonella cause severe illness in humans.
- 3. Unlike Escherichia coli (E. coli), Salmonella does not survive in acidic environments.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

80. Consider the following statements regarding the 'SwaRail' SuperApp:

- 1. It is developed by the Ministry of Railways to integrate all railway-related services into a single digital platform.
- 2. The app is designed to replace all existing railway-related applications such as IRCTC Rail Connect, UTS, and Freight Business Development Portal.
- 3. SwaRail SuperApp allows users to book tickets for both reserved and unreserved categories.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

81. Which of the following best explains why non-opioid painkillers like Suzetrigine are considered a game-changer?
- They enhance opioid receptor activity without causing addiction.
 - They offer pain relief without acting on the central nervous system.
 - They completely eliminate the need for opioid painkillers.
 - They increase dopamine production, improving mood along with pain relief.

82. Consider the following statements regarding Financialisation as discussed in the Economic Survey 2024-25:

- It refers to the growing dominance of financial markets and institutions in shaping economic policies.
- The Economic Survey warns against excessive financialisation due to potential risks like inequality and economic instability.
- Financialisation always leads to higher GDP growth as it enhances capital flow and market efficiency.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

83. Consider the following statements about Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana:

- The scheme exclusively focuses on cash crops to boost export earnings.
- It replaces all existing government agricultural schemes with a unified framework.
- The scheme provides financial assistance directly to large agribusinesses.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- 1 and 2
- 2 and 3
- None
- 1 and 3

84. Consider the following statements about cardamom trade and market trends:

- Cardamom cultivation has expanded significantly in Rajasthan and Punjab due to government subsidies.
- The Spices Board of India does not regulate cardamom exports, as the trade is fully liberalized.
- Guatemala imports large quantities of Indian cardamom to meet its domestic demand.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

85. Consider the following statements regarding India's Insurance Sector and FDI reforms:

- The insurance penetration rate refers to the number of people with insurance coverage in a country.
- Increasing FDI in insurance is expected to attract global insurance companies, bringing in capital, technology, and better product offerings.
- The FDI hike to 100% is unconditional, meaning foreign investors will have complete control over insurance operations in India.

Which of the above statements are incorrect?

- 1 and 3 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 2 only
- All of the above

86. Consider the following effects of a rising Debt-to-GDP ratio:

- Higher risk of sovereign credit rating downgrades
- Increased inflation due to excessive government borrowing
- Enhanced investor confidence leading to higher capital inflows

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

87. What is the primary objective of establishing Tribhuvan Sahkari University in India?

- (a) To promote higher education in rural and cooperative management
- (b) To create a research institute for agricultural technologies
- (c) To support vocational training for urban entrepreneurs
- (d) To facilitate foreign investment in cooperative societies

88. Which of the following best describes a "Beggar-Thy-Neighbour" policy?

- (a) A policy that prioritizes domestic industries at the cost of environmental sustainability
- (b) A trade policy that eliminates tariffs and subsidies for global economic growth
- (c) A policy that promotes free trade while ensuring protection for domestic consumers
- (d) An economic policy that boosts one country's economy at the expense of other nations

89. Consider the following statements regarding the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC):

1. The MPC was established under the Finance Act, 2016, and operates under the RBI Act, 1934.
2. It is a six-member committee, with equal representation from the RBI and the Government of India.
3. The decisions taken by the MPC are recommendatory and subject to final approval by the RBI Governor.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

90. The primary objective of the Grameen Credit Score system introduced in the Union Budget 2025 is:

- (a) To regulate interest rates charged by informal moneylenders in rural areas
- (b) To create a national database of small-scale industries and startups in rural India
- (c) To replace traditional banking services with microfinance institutions for rural lending
- (d) To promote financial inclusion by assessing the creditworthiness of rural women and Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

91. Consider the following statements about NavIC and its comparison with other global navigation systems:

1. NavIC's primary advantage over GPS is its ability to cover the entire globe with high accuracy.
2. Unlike GPS, which is operated by the United States, NavIC is fully independent and cannot be disrupted by external forces.
3. NavIC satellites are placed in geostationary and geosynchronous orbits, optimizing coverage over India and nearby regions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

92. Consider the following provisions under the Waqf Act, 1995:

1. Waqf properties can only be sold or mortgaged with prior approval of the State Waqf Board.
2. The Waqf Tribunal has exclusive jurisdiction to resolve disputes related to Waqf properties.

3. The Act provides for the digitization of Waqf records to prevent encroachments.

How many of the above provisions are correct?

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

93. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Donkey Route' illegal immigration network:

- 1. The Donkey Route avoids direct flights to the US and instead relies on transit through multiple countries.
- 2. It is primarily used by individuals from India attempting illegal immigration to the UK and Canada.
- 3. Fake documents, including counterfeit visas, are often used to facilitate passage.
- 4. It has been linked to an increase in security concerns for national and international agencies.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

94. The latest advanced variant of the Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system includes which of the following improvements?

- (a) Longer range and higher precision guided rockets
- (b) Integration with BrahMos missile system for joint fire support
- (c) Capability to launch nuclear warheads
- (d) Stealth technology to avoid radar detection

95. Consider the following statements regarding Ramsar sites in India:

- 1. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites in India.

2. All Ramsar sites in India are located within national parks or wildlife sanctuaries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

96. Which of the following international organizations work closely with International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) for big cat conservation?

- 1. CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)
- 2. IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)
- 3. TRAFFIC (Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna in Commerce)
- 4. IMF (International Monetary Fund)

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

97. Under Article 239AA of the Indian Constitution, which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Delhi's Legislative Assembly has exclusive power to legislate on all State List subjects.
- (b) The Lieutenant Governor (LG) is bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers in all matters.
- (c) Delhi's administration is governed by a special provision inserted through the 69th Constitutional Amendment.
- (d) The Supreme Court has ruled that Delhi is a full-fledged state with legislative autonomy.

98. Which of the following best describes the primary objective of TROPIC-25?

- (a) To test India's submarine warfare capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region.

- (b) To integrate all three branches of the Indian military in a real-time conflict simulation.
- (c) To conduct live missile launches for evaluating India's sea-based nuclear deterrence.
- (d) To assess the effectiveness of India's Anti-Piracy Operations in the Gulf of Aden.

99. Consider the following statements regarding Repo rate.

- 1. Statement-I: A reduction in the repo rate leads to lower inflation in the economy.
- 2. Statement-II: A lower repo rate reduces borrowing costs, encouraging more loans and spending.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

100. As of 2025, which country has the highest installed solar power capacity in the world?

- (a) China
- (b) United States
- (c) India
- (d) Germany