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DAY – 53 (InstaTest-53)

1. Badakhshan region of Afghanistan, sometimes seen in the news, shares border with which of the following countries.

1. Pakistan
2. India
3. Turkmenistan
4. Tajikistan

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding Elephanta caves

1. British after seeing the large figure of an elephant named it Elephanta.
2. The sculptural art of the Rashtrakutas reached its zenith in this place.

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. During the period of Cholas, the term *puravubarithinaikkalam* was used for

- (a) Judicial department
- (b) Land revenue department
- (c) Military department
- (d) Foreign affairs department

4. Which of the following is/are included in the list of the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?

1. Kutiyattam
2. Ramman
3. Chhau
4. Sankirtana

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

5. Consider the following statements regarding Society under the Pallavas

1. Mahendravarman I introduced the rock-cut temples.
2. Perundevanar translated the Mahabharata as Bharathavenba in Tamil.

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding Nalanda University

1. It was founded by Kumaragupta I during the Gupta period.
2. It was maintained with the revenue derived from 100 to 200 villages endowed by different rulers.
3. The medium of instruction was Sanskrit.

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

7. Khirki Mosque, recently seen in news, is located in:
- Delhi
 - Mumbai
 - Hyderabad
 - Lucknow
8. Consider the following statements regarding Samudragupta
- The Allahabad Pillar inscription calls him Kaviraja because of his ability in composing verses.
 - He was an ardent follower of Vaishnavism and intolerant to other creeds.
 - His image depicting him with Veena is found in the coins issued by him.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
9. Consider the following statements regarding Pandyas
- Maduraikkanji* written by Mangudi Maruthanar describes the socio-economic condition of the Pandya country.
 - It also mentions about important seaports of Pandyas, Tondi and Musiri.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
10. Consider the following statements regarding Yakshagana
- It is a traditional theatre form of Karnataka.
 - It is also performed in Kannada, Malayalam and Tulu language.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
11. Consider the following statements regarding Kushanas
- The founder of the Kushana dynasty was Kujula Kadphises or Kadphises I.
 - Kanishka was the founder of the Saka era which starts from 78 B.C.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
12. Consider the following statements regarding Satavahanas
- The Nasik and Nanaghad inscriptions throw light on the reign of Gautamiputra Satakarni.
 - The founder of the Satavahana dynasty was Simuka.
 - Hala became famous for his book *Gathasaptasati* written in Sanskrit language.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 only |
| (c) 1 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2 and 3 |

13. Consider the following statements regarding National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP)

1. It has been launched by Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
2. It aims to democratize access to publicly available government data.

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

14. Consider the following statements regarding Asoka's Dhamma

1. It was a way of life, a code of conduct and a set of principles to be adopted and practiced by the people.
2. Asoka equated the Dhamma with Buddhist teachings.
3. Asoka wished that his Dhamma should spread through all social levels.

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

15. Consider the following statements regarding Effects of the Persian Invasion

1. The use of the Kharoshti script, became popular in northwestern India and in some of Asoka's edicts.
2. The very idea of issuing edicts by Asoka and the wording used in the edicts are traced to Iranian influence.

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

16. Consider the following statements regarding eBkay

1. It is a platform launched by Reserve Bank of India
2. It provides navigational links to all PSB e-auction sites
3. It enables online auction of assets attached by various state-run banks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements regarding Ajatasatru

1. He is said to have met Gautama Buddha and this scene is depicted in the sculptures of Barhut.
2. He was instrumental in convening the First Buddhist Council at Rajagriha soon after the death of the Buddha.

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding Teachings of Mahavira

1. All objects, both animate and inanimate, have souls and various degrees of consciousness.
2. Mahavira did not reject the authority of the Vedas, but objected to the Vedic rituals.
3. The doctrine of asceticism and renunciation was carried to extreme lengths.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding Measles

1. It spreads through coughing and sneezing of an infected person.
2. It is a highly contagious viral disease
3. Recently, the World Health Organization has declared India is measles-free country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. Consider the following statements regarding Buddhist Councils

1. The first Buddhist Council was held under the chairmanship of Mahakasapa.
2. In third Buddhist Council, the final version of Tripitakas was completed.
3. In fourth Buddhist Council, Mahayana Buddhism came into existence.

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

21. Consider the following pairs

<i>Military Exercise</i>	<i>Countries Involved</i>
1. Nomadic Elephant	: India – Malaysia
2. SLINEX	: India – Sri Lanka
3. YUDH ABHYAS	: India – U.S.A

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

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding Rig Vedic society

1. The Rig Vedic society was patriarchal.
2. Women were given equal opportunities as men for their spiritual and intellectual development.
3. The child marriage and the practice of sati were prevalent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding Neelakurinji

1. Neelakurinji is ashrub that is found in the shola forests of the Western Ghats.
2. Neelakurinji's blue flowers blossoms for every two years.

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

24. Consider the following statements regarding Harappan civilization

1. The Citadel owes its height to the fact that buildings were constructed on mud brick platforms and it was walled.
2. The Lower Town was not walled.
3. The bricks were of a standardized ratio, where the length and breadth were four times and twice the height respectively.

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

25. Consider the following statements regarding India Post Payments Bank

1. It was setup under the Department of Post, Ministry of Communication with 100% equity owned by Government of India
2. They can issue ATM or debit cards but not credit cards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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26. Consider the following statements regarding Climate Smart Villages

1. These are sites where farmers, researchers and local government partners come together to understand which climate smart agriculture practices are best suited for a particular location.
2. Under this initiative, climate smart subsidies are given to farmers.
3. It is a collaborative project between The CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture and National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements regarding François Bernier

1. He was a physician to Emperor Shah Jahan.
2. Bernier's work is "Travels in the Mughal Empire".
3. He constantly compared Mughal India with contemporary Europe, generally emphasizing the superiority of the latter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Consider the following statements regarding Iltutmish

1. The hereditary succession to Delhi Sultanate was initiated by Iltutmish.
2. Iltutmish introduced the Arabic coinage into India.
3. He shifted his capital from Delhi to Lahore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding Vigyan Jyoti Scheme

1. It is launched by the Department of Science & Technology (DST).
2. It is intended to create a level-playing field for the meritorious girls in high school to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in their higher education.

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding land revenue administration under Delhi Sultans

1. Iqta land – lands assigned to officials as iqta instead of payment for their services
2. Khalisa land – land under the direct control of the Sultan
3. Inam land – land assigned or granted to religious leaders or religious institutions

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements regarding Ramananda

1. He was a worshipper of Rama.
2. He was the first to employ the vernacular medium to propagate his ideas.
3. He opposed the caste system and chose his disciples from all sections of society.

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

32. Consider the following statements regarding Non-Aligned Movement

1. NAM is a forum of around 120 developing world states that are not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc.
2. Pakistan, Iran and Sri Lanka are the members of NAM
3. China and Japan are the observer countries of NAM

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding Social Life under Vijayanagar

1. The weights and measures were standard across the kingdom.
2. One of the chief seaports was Cannanore.
3. The position of women had not improved.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following pairs regarding Sher Shah's Administration

1. Shiqdar : land revenue
2. Amin : military officer
3. Fotedar : treasurer
4. Karkuns : accountants

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

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding RaiDer-X developed by DRDO

1. It is a helicopter having capability to engage multiple targets at a time.
2. It can detect enemy helicopter from the distance of 2km.

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

36. Consider the following pairs regarding categories of land under Dahsala System and the names used to denote them

1. Polaj : cultivated every year
2. Parauti : cultivated once in two years
3. Chachar : cultivated once in three or four years
4. Banjar : cultivated once in five or more years

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

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

37. Consider the following statements regarding *Chauth* and *sardeshmukhi*

1. *Sardeshmukhi* was one fourth of the land revenue paid to the Marathas in order to avoid the Maratha raids.
2. *Chauth* was an additional levy of ten percent on those lands which the Marathas claimed hereditary rights.

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

38. Consider the following statements regarding Svalbard Global Seed Vault

1. It is owned and administered by FAO
2. It is the world's largest secure seed bank located in the remote Arctic Svalbard archipelago.
3. The aim of the vault is to preserve a vast variety of crop seeds in the case of a doomsday event, calamity, climate change or national emergency.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. Consider the following statements regarding Baji Rao I

1. He made the position of Peshwa, most important and powerful as well as hereditary.
2. He initiated the system of confederacy among the Maratha chiefs.

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. Consider the following statements regarding trade in medieval India

1. Bohra traders specialized in long distance trade.
2. Banjaras specialized in carrying bulk goods.

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

41. Consider the following statements regarding Central Equipment Identity Register

1. It has been launched by Ministry of Science and Technology
2. It will be a central database of all mobile phones connected to networks across India
3. It is being launched to curtail anti-social elements and terrorist activities on social media.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements regarding market reforms under Alauddin Khalji

1. Alauddin Khalji established four separate markets in Delhi.
2. Each market was under the control of a high officer called Shahna-i-Mandi.
3. There were secret agents called munhiyans who sent reports to the Sultan regarding the functioning of these markets.

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

43. Consider the following statements regarding The Battle of Tarain

1. It was between Prithviraj Chauhan and Muhammad Ghori.
2. After these battles, the first Muslim kingdom was firmly established in India.

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 statements regarding Swachh Survekshan

1. It has been launched by Ministry of Jal Shakti
2. It is a completely digitized and paperless survey
3. It aims to ensure sustainability of initiatives taken towards garbage free and open defecation free cities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements regarding Pala Empire

1. Pala Empire was founded by Dharmapala.
2. It is believed that the first king was elected as the king by the notable men of the area.

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 statements regarding Chilika Lake

1. It is the largest coastal lagoon in India
2. Nalabana Bird Sanctuary is located in the lake.
3. It was designated the first Indian wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.

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

47. Consider the following statements regarding Kabir

1. Kabir's object was to reconcile Hindus and Muslims and establish harmony between the two sects.
2. He regarded devotion to god as an effective means of salvation.

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

48. Consider the following statements regarding Small Finance Banks

1. Small Finance Banks can lend 75% of their total adjusted net bank credit to priority sector.
2. These banks can open branches with prior RBI approval for first five years.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT** correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements regarding Babur

1. He was related to Timur from his father's side and to Chengiz Khan through his mother.
2. He wrote his memoirs, Tuzuk-i-Baburi in persian language.

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

50. Consider the following statements regarding Sea Guardians 2020

1. It is a joint naval drill between India and China.
2. It will focus on augmenting interoperability and strategic cooperation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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51. Consider the following statements regarding Huntington disease

1. It is a communicable disease which affects the working of human brain.
2. It causes uncontrolled movements, impaired coordination of balance and movement and a decline in cognitive abilities.

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

52. Consider the following statements regarding Patola Sarees

1. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) inaugurated the first "Patola Saree" production unit in Maharashtra.
2. It has received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
3. It is a double ikat woven sari, usually made from silk.

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

53. Consider the following statements regarding Basavanna

1. Basavanna spread social awareness through his poetry, popularly known as *Vachanaas*.
2. He introduced new public institutions such as the Anubhava Mantapa.

3. Virashaiva movement shared its roots in the Tamil Bhakti movement, particularly the Alvars traditions.

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

54. Consider the following statements regarding Saraswati Samman award

1. The award is presented by the Sahitya Akademi
2. It is the annual award given to an outstanding literary work in any Indian language mentioned in Schedule VIII of the Constitution.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Industrial Security Annex (ISA)

1. It is part of the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)
2. It would allow Indian private sector to collaborate with the U.S defence industry.

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

56. Which of the following is/are the criteria for the selection of classical language?

1. High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.
2. The literary tradition can be original or borrowed from another speech community.
3. A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.
4. The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there may also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding Bharati Script

1. It has been developed by researchers from IIT Madras Madras, led by Dr. Srinivasa Chakravarthy.
2. It is a unified script for nine Indian languages.

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. Consider the following statements regarding Konark Sun Temple

1. It was built by King Narasimhadeva I of Ganga dynasty.
2. The temple is included in UNESCO World Heritage Site.
3. It was conceived as a gigantic chariot of the Sun God.

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

59. Consider the following statements regarding Vishwa Shanti Stupa (World peace pagoda)

1. It is located in Sanchi.
2. It is the world's highest peace pagoda.
3. It was conceptualised by neo-Buddhist organisation Nipponzan Myohoji and built by Japanese monk Fujii Guruji.

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

60. Geological Survey of India comes under which of the following ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (b) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (c) Ministry of Mines
- (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

61. Arrange the following architecture chronologically from the earliest to latest

1. Red-Fort
2. Virupaksha temple
3. Qutub Minar
4. Lingaraja temple

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

62. Consider the following statements regarding Whiteflies

1. Cotton is one of the worst-hit crops by whiteflies.
2. Bt cotton is resistant to whiteflies
3. They are one of the top ten devastating pests in the world that damage more than 2000 plant species.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

63. Which of the following literature was written by Kalidasa?

1. Kumarasambhava
2. Raghuvamsa
3. Mricchakatika
4. Swapnavasavadatta

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

64. Consider the following statements regarding Aranyakas

1. They are said to be compilations of ritualistic information on the birth and death cycles.
2. They describe the rituals and sacrifices involved in the Vedas from various perspectives.

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding Three Seas Initiative

1. It is a forum that brings together Twelve European Union member states between the Adriatic Sea, the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea.
2. It was setup to fight covid-19 pandemic through effective co-operation between the nation-states.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. Match the following Buddhist symbols with their meaning

1. Elephant depicts the dream of Queen Maya.
2. Bull depicts the month in which Buddha was born.
3. Horse represents the horse Kanthaka, which Buddha is said to have used for going away from princely life.
4. The Lion shows the attainment of enlightenment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

67. Consider the following statements regarding Greek Art

1. The Idealistic style of Greeks is reflected in the muscular depictions of Gods and showing strength and beauty.
2. They extensively used concrete in their sculptures.

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.** Consider the following statements regarding International Maritime Organization
1. India is member to this organization.
 2. It can enforce the polices on members countries.
 3. The IMO adopted the Hong Kong Convention in 2009 which is recently came into force.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 69.** Consider the following statements regarding Lepakshi Paintings
1. These mural paintings were executed on Veerabhadra temple walls at Lepakshi, Andhra Pradesh.
 2. The paintings show extensive use of primary colours, especially blue.
 3. The forms, figures and details of their costumes are outlined with black colour.

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

- 70.** Consider the following statements regarding Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC)
1. It entered into force in 1990's.
 2. It is the first multilateral disarmament treaty banning the production of an entire category of weapons.
 3. India is party to the convention.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 71.** Which of the following are preconditions that are necessary to be fulfilled for making Miniature paintings.
1. The painting should be larger than 25 square inch.
 2. The subject of the painting should be painted in not more than 1/6th of the actual size.

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.** Match the following folk art with the regions they belong

1. Patua Art : Bihar
2. Manjusha Painting : Bengal
3. Paitkar Painting : Jharkhand
4. Phad Painting : Rajasthan

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

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

- 73.** Which of the following criteria's a state must satisfy to get Special Category Status?
1. Must be economically backward with poor infrastructure.
 2. The states must be located in hilly and challenging terrain.
 3. They should have low population density and significant tribal population.
 4. Should be strategically situated along the borders of neighboring countries.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

74. Consider the following statements regarding PM-Cares Fund

1. The Fund is a public charitable trust with the Prime Minister as its Chairman
2. Contributions by corporates to this fund will be considered as social welfare spending under the companies act, 2013.
3. Leader of opposition (Lok Sabha) is ex-officio trustee of it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

1. It was constituted under Drugs Control Act, 1950.
2. It is the nodal drug law enforcement and intelligence agency of India responsible for fighting drug trafficking and the abuse of illegal substances.
3. It functions under Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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76. Consider the following statements

1. Bio fortification is a process to increase the bioavailability and the concentration of nutrients in crops through both conventional plant breeding and genetic engineering.
2. Golden rice is an example of fortified crop.
3. Bio fortification experimental trials are completely banned in India

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. Consider the following statements regarding Kambala

1. It is traditional slush track bull race held annually in coastal districts of Karnataka.
2. It is performed as a thanksgiving to the Gods for protecting the animals from diseases.
3. Traditionally, it is sponsored by local Tuluva landlords and is non-competitive.

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

78. Consider the following statements regarding Asiatic Society of Mumbai

1. The President of India is the Society's Chief Patron.
2. It is a learned society whose activities include conducting historical research, awarding historians, and running an institute of post-graduate studies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding ExoMars (Exobiology on Mars) programme

1. It is a joint endeavour between ESA and the Russian space agency (Roscosmos).
2. The primary goal of the ExoMars programme is to address the question of whether life has ever existed on Mars

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

80. Consider the following statements regarding Lalit Kala Akademi

1. The LKA was the principal establishment to direct its focus on activities in the field of visual arts.
2. The secretary to Ministry of Culture is the Ex-officio chairman.

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding Raga

1. The word 'raga' comes from the Sanskrit word 'Ranj', which literally means to delight or to make happy and satisfy a person.
2. The ragas form the basis of the rhythm.
3. Each melodic structure of the raga has something similar to the distinct personality subject and the mood evoked by the sounds.

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

1. It is a campaign launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It creates awareness about generic medicines through education and publicity so that quality is not synonymous with only high price.

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

83. Consider the following statements regarding Thumri

1. The thumri is very lyrical in its structure and presentation.
2. Thumri is a love song.
3. The musical grammar is strictly adhered to in thumri.

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

84. Consider the following statements regarding Hindustani and Carnatic music

1. In Haripala's Sangeeta Sudhakara, the terms Carnatic and Hindustani are found for the first time.
2. Both the systems of music received their nourishment from the same original source.
3. The birth of the Musical Trinity – Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Syama Sastri ushered in an era of dynamic development in Carnatic music.

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

85. Consider the following statements regarding E-Waste generation in India

1. The recycling of e-waste is doubled in 2018-2019.
2. India ranks second in the generation of e-waste.
3. E-waste (Management) Rules (2016) enforces the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

86. Consider the following statements regarding Pandavani

1. It is the folk music of Uttar Pradesh
2. It is based on the grand epic-Mahabharata and Bhima as hero.
3. The main singer continuously sits throughout the performance and with powerful singing and symbolic gestures

he assumes all the characters of the episode one after another.

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

87. Consider the following statements regarding three aspects of Dance

1. Natya highlights the dramatic element
2. Nritya is performed specifically to convey the meaning of a theme or idea.
3. Nritta on the other hand, is pure dance where body movements do not express any mood (bhava), nor do they convey any meaning.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. Consider the following statements regarding Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary

1. It is located in the Tamil Nadu.
2. It consists mainly of dry deciduous type degrading to scrub forest in the fringe areas
3. It is contiguous to Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve and the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

89. Consider the following statements regarding Bharatnatyam dance

1. It is known to be *ekaharya*, where one dancer takes on many roles in a single performance.
2. In this dance form, the *Tandava* aspect is given more emphasis than *Lasya* aspects of dance.
3. One of the principal mudras is *Kataka Mukha Hasta* in which the three fingers are joined to symbolise Om.

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

90. Consider the following Martial arts and their respective states:

Martial Art	State
1. Kathi Samu	: Andhra Pradesh
2. Thoda martial art	: Himachal Pradesh
3. Thang Ta	: Sikkim
4. Silambam	: Tamil Nadu

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

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding National Institute for Smart Government

1. It is a not-for-profit company setup in a Public-Private-Partnership
2. It aims to helping the government to realize the national e-governance vision.
3. It can participate in any bidding process.

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

92. Consider the following statements regarding *Koothiyattam*

1. It is India's oldest continuing form of theatre that has survived in Kerala.
2. The play is performed in only in Sanskrit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

93. Consider the following statements regarding *Kathputli*

1. It is the string puppets of Rajasthan.
2. It is carved from a single piece of wood; these puppets are like large dolls that are colorfully dressed.
3. These puppets wear long trailing skirts and do not have legs.

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

94. Consider the following statements regarding Anticipatory bail

1. An anticipatory bail shall be limited to a fixed time period and cannot continue till the end of the trial.
2. Anticipatory bail application could be moved by a person even before filing of FIR.

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

95. Consider the following statements regarding Kharosthi script

1. The Kharosthi script is an ancient script used in ancient Gandhara to write the Gandhari Prakrit and Sanskrit.
2. It was deciphered by James Prinsep.
3. Kharosthi is mostly written right to left.

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding Jiyo Parsi Scheme

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme
2. It aims to stabilize and increase the population of Parsis in India.
3. The scheme offers cash assistance to encourage all Parsi couples to have children, irrespective of their financial status.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

97. Consider the following statements regarding Theravada Buddhism

1. In Theravada, the ultimate goal is the cessation of the kleshas and the attainment of the sublime state of Nirvana.
2. Pali is sacred language of Theravada 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

98. Daspalla Hills, recently in news, is located in?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

99. Consider the following statements regarding Samkhya School

1. This is the oldest school of philosophy and was founded by Kapil Muni.
2. This school argued that salvation could be attained through the acquisition of knowledge.
3. This school believed in dualism or dvaitavada, i.e. the soul and the matter are separate entities.

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

100. Consider the following statements regarding Hydroxy-Chloroquine

1. It is used to prevent and treat acute attacks of malaria
2. It is also used in the treatment of autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis.
3. India is one of the largest producer of it

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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