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1. With reference to Godavari River, consider the following statements:

1. It rises from Trimbakeshwar in Maharashtra.
2. The Pravara and Maner are Left bank tributaries of Godavari.

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding “Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray”:

1. He is known as the Father of Indian Chemistry.
2. He discovered the stable compound Mercurous Nitrite.
3. He established Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works in 1901.

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

3. Jataka tales sculptures can be seen in which of the following places?

- A. Tirupati Balaji B. Khajuraho Temple
C. Akshardham Temple D. Sanchi Stupa

4. Consider the following pairs:

Sarees	State
1. Kasavu	Assam
2. Muga	Maharashtra
3. Kalamkari	Gujarat

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- A. Only 1 pair B. Only 2 pairs
C. All three pairs D. None of the pairs

5. Consider the following statements:

1. It was built in 13th century during by King Anangabhima Deva III of Eastern Ganga Dynasty.
2. It is listed in UNESCO’s List of World Heritage Sites.
3. The temple is also called White Pagoda.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct regarding Jagannath Temple (Odisha)?

- A. 1 and 2 only B. 1 and 3 only
C. 3 only D. 1, 2 and 3

6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Konark Sun Temple:

1. It is also referred to as the Black Pagoda.
2. It was built by King Narasimhadeva I.

3. It is a UNESCO world heritage site .

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

7. Consider the following statements:

1. The cave paintings at Ajanta and Ellora are one of the earliest evidences of fresco paintings.
2. The evidence of employment of painters to paint murals can be found in the Buddhist text of Vinaya Pitaka.

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding Jainism:

1. ‘Jaina’ comes from the term ‘Jina’ which means ford maker i.e., someone who can cross beyond the perpetual flow of earthly life.
2. Brahmacharya, one of the 5 great Vows of Jainism, was added by Rishabh Natha.

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

9. With reference to Swami Vivekananda, consider the following statements:

1. His Birth Anniversary is observed on January 12 and is celebrated as National Youth Day in India.
2. He established the Ram Krishna Paramhans organization to promote value-based education, culture, health, and women’s empowerment.

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

10. With reference to Theyyam, consider the following statements:

1. It is a popular ritual form of dance worship in Karnataka.
2. A theyyam can only be performed by a man who attained divine status by performing heroic deeds or by leading a virtuous life.
3. Most Theyyams are believed to be the incarnations of Lord Vishnu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 only D. 1, 2 and 3

11. With which of the following publications 'Jyotirao Phule' was associated?

1. Tritiya Ratna
2. Gulamgiri
3. Shetkarayacha Aasud

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| A. 1 only | B. 2 and 3 only |
| C. 2 only | D. 1, 2 and 3 |

12. Tramjatra Event, recently in news, is related to which of the following cities?

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| A. Delhi | B. Kolkata |
| C. Ahmedabad | D. Surat |

13. The term Dokra, sometimes mentioned in the news. Which of the following correctly defines the term?

- A. Ancient water conservation method of Tamil Nadu
- B. Ransomware software
- C. Terror affected region of South Sudan
- D. A form of ancient bell Metalcraft

14. With reference to Theravada Buddhism, consider the following statements:

1. It is the most ancient branch of extant Buddhism.
2. It was developed in Sri Lanka.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| A. 1 only | B. 2 only |
| C. Both 1 and 2 | D. Neither 1 nor 2 |

15. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Benin Bronzes is a kind of temple architecture prevalent in the ancient kingdom of Benin.
2. The Kingdom of Benin is known as the Edo Kingdom in western Africa.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| A. 1 only | B. 2 only |
| C. Both 1 and 2 | D. Neither 1 nor 2 |

16. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Aoleang is the main festival of the Konyaks tribes belonging to Nagaland.
2. Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) is a central government initiative to prevent outsiders from obtaining fake indigenous certificates.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| A. 1 only | B. 2 only |
| C. Both 1 and 2 | D. Neither 1 nor 2 |

17. Consider the following statements regarding 'Ramappa temple':

1. Dakshina Ayodhya is also known as the Ramappa temple situated on the bank of Godavari River.
2. Ramappa temple is a UNESCO world heritage site and dedicated to lord Ram.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| A. 1 only | B. 2 only |
| C. Both 1 and 2 | D. Neither 1 nor 2 |

18. Dhanu Jatra, sometimes in the news, is related to which of the following Indian states?

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| A. Odisha | B. Maharashtra |
| C. West Bengal | D. Chhattisgarh |

19. Which of the following is correct about 'Keeladi' recently seen in news?

- A. Keeladi is a site of urban civilization that existed in Tamil Nadu during Sangam age.
- B. It is discovered to be contemporary of Indus Valley civilization.
- C. It is located on the bank of Periyar river.
- D. Archaeologists have not come across any proof of external trade with this civilization.

20. Consider the following statements regarding "Wangala Dance":

1. It is also known as the Festival of Hundred Drums.
2. Members of the Garo tribal community performs the Wangala Dance.
3. It is performed in the honour of the Sun God.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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|-----------------|---------------|
| A. 1 and 2 only | B. 2 only |
| C. 2 and 3 only | D. 1, 2 and 3 |

21. With reference to UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, consider the following statements:

1. A World Heritage Site is a place that UNESCO lists for its special cultural or physical significance.
2. The World Tradition and Cultural Programme maintains the list of world heritage sites.
3. Recently, 'Liverpool -Maritime Mercantile City' in the United Kingdom was deleted from the World Heritage List.
4. Khangchendzonga National Park is India's first and only "Mixed World Heritage Site".

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| A. 1 and 2 only | B. 2 and 3 only |
| C. 1, 3 and 4 only | D. 1, 2, 3 and 4 |

22. Consider the following statements regarding 'Visva-Bharati University':

1. University was founded by Acharya Narendra Dev to bring together the best of Eastern and Western cultures.
2. It is poised to receive the "heritage" designation from UNESCO.

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding 'Panchteerth':

1. Panchteerth is also known as the Ambedkar Circuit.
2. Mahaparinirvan Bhoomi is one of the five tourist places of Panchteerth.

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. With reference to the Gupta Period, consider the following statements:

1. The period is known as a Golden age in Indian history.
2. The large kingdom was governed by dividing smaller provinces known as janpadas.
3. Bronze coins were issued in abundance.
4. During this period Aryabhata wrote Surya Siddhanta.

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

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 3 and 4 only
D. 2 only

25. Consider the following statements regarding the teachings of Basaveshwara:

1. His principles of Arivu, Achara, and Anubhava advocate a holistic approach to union with the divine.
2. Kayaka is a socio-economic principle given by Basaveshwara according to which there must be an equal income for equal work.

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

26. Which of the following sites of Indus Valley Civilization is known as "Mound of the Dead":

- A. Lothal
B. Kalibangan
C. Mohenjo Daro
D. Dholavira

27. Which of the following statements is not correct?

- A. Ol Chiki script is the official writing system for Santhali.
B. Santhali is a Dravidian language.
C. Santhali is recognized as an official regional language in India.
D. Santhali was added as an official language by the 92nd Amendment Act of 2003.

28. With reference to Guru Ravidas Jayanti, consider the following statements:

1. He was opposed to the Bhakti movement.
2. He attracted the masses with his proponent of monotheism and secular religious poems.

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

29. Al-Hilal, a weekly journal of 20th Century, was started by which of the following leaders?

- A. Muhammad Ali Jinnah
B. Abdul Ghaffar Khan
C. Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad
D. Syed Ahmad Khan

30. Consider the following statements regarding 'Statue of Prosperity':

1. It is a statue of a chieftain under the Vijayanagar Empire.
2. Ram Vanji Sutar has designed the statue.

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Practices, expressions, knowledge and skills can be intangible cultural heritage.
2. Himroo weaves from Hyderabad are heritage textile crafts of 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

32. Consider the following statements:

1. Rakhigarhi is the largest Harappan site in the Indian subcontinent.
2. The site of Rakhigarhi was excavated by R.E.M. Wheeler.

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding Theyyams:

1. Vishnumoorthi is a Theyyam of Brahmin caste.
2. Gulcan is the only incarnation of lord Vishnu.

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

34. Consider the following statements regarding the Lingayats:

1. Lingayats are followers of the 12th-century poet-philosopher-social reformer Basaveshwara.
2. The people of the community are polytheists.

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam':

1. This programme is part of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
2. IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) are the two implementing agencies for this programme.

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. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to Chisti Order?

1. They emphasized the doctrine of the unity of being with God.
2. They used to accept maintenance grants from the Sultans.

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

37. Regarding Lord Mahavira, consider the following statements:

1. Mahavir was born to King Siddhartha in the Vajji kingdom.
2. Mahavira belonged to the Ikshvaku dynasty.
3. Ordinary people were able to understand the teachings of Mahavira and his followers because they used Pali language.

Choose the correct option from the given code given below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

38. Consider the following pairs:

Tradition	State
1. Puthandu	Kerala
2. Vishu	Tamil Nadu
3. Poila Baisakh	West Bengal

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 3 only
D. 2 and 3 only

39. With reference to World Heritage Site, consider the following statements:

1. World Heritage Sites are designated by UNESCO.
2. Ajanta Caves and Ellora Caves is India's first and the only "Mixed World Heritage Site."

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 Megaliths in India, consider the following statements:

1. The majority of the megaliths in India are from the Iron Age.
2. They can be only found at the site of the Indus Valley Civilization.

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. Regarding the Sangeet Natak Akademi, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's national academy for music only.
2. It is an autonomous body of the Ministry of Culture.
3. Sangeet Natak Akademi established and looks after the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy in Imphal.

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 only

42. Vinaya Pitaka, Sutta Pitaka, Abhidhamma Pitaka are related to which of the following?

- A. Buddhism
B. Jainism
C. Judaism
D. Vaishnavism



43. Which of the following Sikh gurus was executed in Delhi under the orders of the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb?

- A. Guru Nanak B. Guru Tegh Bahadur
C. Guru Govind Singh D. Guru Arjan Dev

44. Consider the following statements with reference to Feroz Shah Tughlaq:

1. He was the third ruler of the Tughlaq dynasty.
2. He was the one who started the imposition of Jaziya or Jizya.

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

45. Consider the following statements:

1. The Gupta coinage tradition, depicting the king on the obverse and a deity on the reverse, was similar to that of the Satavahanas.

2. The Gupta coins commemorated socio-political events like marriage alliances.

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:

**Major Events in
Gautam Buddha's Life**

1. Birth
2. Attained enlightenment
3. First Sermon
4. Death

**Places in which the
Events Took Place**

- Khushinagar
Bodhgaya
Sarnath
Lumbini

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one pair B. Only two pairs
C. Only three pairs D. All 4 pairs

