

LATEST QUESTIONS

HISTORY

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1. With reference to ancient India, Gautama Buddha was generally known by which of the following epithets?
 1. Nayaputta 2. Shakyamuni
 3. Tathagata
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of the above are epithets of Gautama Buddha

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2. In which of the following rows is given information correctly matched?

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Archaeological Site	State	Description
1. Chandraketugarh	Odisha	Trading Port town
2. Inamgaon	Maharashtra	Chalcolithic site
3. Mangadu	Kerala	Megalithic site
4. Salihundam	Andhra Pradesh	Rock-cut cave shrines

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

3. Which of the following rulers of medieval India gave permission to the Portuguese to build a fort at Bhatkal?
 (a) Krishnadevaraya (b) Narasimha Saluva
 (c) Muhammad Shah-III (d) Yusuf Adil Shah

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4. With reference to revenue collection by Cornwallis, which of the statements given below is/are correct?

1. Under the Ryotwari Settlement of revenue collection, the peasants were exempted from revenue payment in case of bad harvests or natural calamities.

2. Under the Permanent Settlement in Bengal, if the Zamindar failed to pay his revenues to the state, on or before the fixed date, he would be removed from his Zamindari.

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

5. Which of the following statements/are correct?
 1. There are no parables in *Upanishads*.
 2. *Upanishads* were composed earlier than the *Puranas*.

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

6. With reference to the Government of India Act, 1935, which of the statements given below is/are correct?

1. It provided for the establishment of an All-India Federation based on the union of the British Indian Provinces and Princely States.

2. Defence and Foreign Affairs were kept under the control of the federal legislature.

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

7. Which one of the following is a work attributed to playwright Bhasa?

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(a) *Kavyalankara* (b) *Natyashastra*
 (c) *Madhyama-vyayoga* (d) *Mahabhashya*

8. Sanghabhuti, an Indian Buddhist monk, who travelled to China at the end of the fourth century AD, was the author of a commentary on:

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(a) *Prajnaparamita Sutra* (b) *Visuddhimagga*
 (c) *Sarvastivada Vinaya* (d) *Lalitavistara*

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1. In which one of the following regions was Dhanyakataka, which flourished as a prominent Buddhist centre under the Mahasanghikas, located?
 (a) Andhra (b) Gandhara (c) Kalinga (d) Magadha

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2. With reference to ancient India, how many of the following statements are correct?

1. The concept of Stupa is Buddhist in origin.
 2. Stupa was generally a repository of relics.
 3. Stupa was a votive and commemorative structure in Buddhist tradition.
 (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

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3. With reference to ancient South India, Korkai, Poompohar and Muchiri were well known as

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(a) capital cities
 (b) ports
 (c) centres of iron-and-steel making
 (d) shrines of Jain Tirthankaras

4. Which one of the following explains the practice of 'Vattakirutal' as mentioned in Sangam poems?

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(a) Kings employing women bodyguards
 (b) Learned persons assembling in royal courts to discuss religious and philosophical matters
 (c) Young girls keeping watch over agricultural fields and driving away birds and animals
 (d) A king defeated in a battle committing ritual suicide by starving himself to death

5. How many of the following dynasties established their kingdoms in early eighth century AD?

1. Hoysala 2. Gahadavala
 3. Kakatiya 4. Yadava

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

6. With reference to ancient Indian History, how many of the following pairs are correctly matched?

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	Literary work	Author
1.	<i>Devichandragupta</i>	Bilhana
2.	<i>Hammira-Mahakavya</i>	Nayachandra Suri
3.	<i>Milinda-panha</i>	Nagarjuna
4.	<i>Nitivakyamrita</i>	Somadeva Suri

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

7. "Souls are not only the property of animal and plant life, but also of rocks, running water and many other natural objects not looked on as living by other religious sects."

The above statement reflects one of the core beliefs of which one of the following religious sects of ancient India?

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(a) Buddhism (b) Jainism
 (c) Shaivism (d) Vaishnavism

8. Who among the following rulers of Vijayanagara Empire constructed a large dam across Tungabhadra River and a canal-cum-aqueduct several kilometres long from the river to the capital city?

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(a) Devaraya I (b) Mallikarjuna
 (c) Vira Vijaya (d) Virupaksha

9. Who among the following rulers of medieval Gujarat surrendered Diu to Portuguese?

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(a) Ahmad Shah (b) Mahmud Begarha
 (c) Bahadur Shah (d) Muhammad Shah

10. With reference to the Indian History, Alexander Rea, A.H. Longhurst, Robert Sewell, James Burgess and Walter Elliot were associated with

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(a) archaeological excavations
 (b) establishment of English Press in Colonial India
 (c) establishment of Churches in Princely States
 (d) construction of railways in Colonial India

11. How many of the following pairs are correctly matched?

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	Site	Well known for
1.	Besnagar	Shaivite cave shrine
2.	Bhaja	Buddhist cave shrine
3.	Sittanavasal	Jain cave shrine

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

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1. Which of the following statements about the costumes and headgear/ hairstyle in India during 4th- 7th century AD is/are correct?

- There was a marked preference for stitched garment as compared to any previous age.
- Simple plaits without any floral embellishment dominated the hairstyle of women. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

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

- The Muddiman Committee recommended the separation of Accounts from Audit as a necessary financial reform.
- Indian Institute of Public Administration was set up on the lines recommended by Dr. Paul H. Appleby. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

3. Which of the following statements are correct?

- The Third Round Table Conference met in London in November 1932 without the participation of Congress.
- The discussions in the Third Round Table Conference led to the passing of the Government of India Act, 1935.
- The Government of India Act, 1935 did not favor the idea of provincial autonomy.
- The Governor was not given any power in the Act of 1935 to take over and run the administration of a province. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

4. Which of the following pairs of texts and their subjects is/ are correctly matched?

- Tilakmanjari*: Mathematics
- Nighantu*: Medicine

- Janakiharan*: Logic [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

5. The Junagarh inscription goes on to tell us that during the reign of Rudradaman, in the year 72 of the Saka era, there occurred a terrible storm. What would be the time in CE of the occurrence of that terrible storm? [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

- (a) 150 CE (b) 181 CE (c) 130 CE (d) 120 CE

6. Abdur Razzak, the traveler to Vijayanagar, had referred to the presence of a number of flower merchants in Vijayanagar and noted a particular flower that seemed as necessary as food to the people of that part. Which variety of flower was being referred to by Abdur Razzak? [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

- (a) Jasmine (b) Lotus (c) Hibiscus (d) Rose

7. In Kautilya's Arthashastra, the conqueror king is expected to establish, in the conquered territories, a social order based on the [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

- varna system only
- dharma, varna and ashrama systems
- dharma only
- varna and ashrama systems

8. Consider the following eras in early India:

- Shaka era
- Kalachuri era
- Vikrama era
- Harsha era

5. Gupta era

Which one of the following is the correct chronological order of the above eras starting with the earliest? [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

- 1-2-3-4-5
- 3-1-5-2-4
- 2-3-1-4-5
- 3-1-2-5-4

9. What are bhuni, pachara and dopati mentioned frequently in the biographies of the Vaishnava reformers of medieval Assam? [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

- Vessels of metal used in religious oblation
- Agricultural implements
- Musical instruments used at the time of Bohag Bihu festival
- Pieces of men's clothes

10. How many of the following statements about the Rowlatt Act of 1919 is/are NOT correct?

- It was passed by the Imperial Legislative Council.
- Khilafat Committee was formed to oppose the Act.
- While Gandhiji was arrested, the local leaders were allowed to continue the protest. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

- (a) One (b) Two
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- (c) Three (d) None

11. Which of the following statements about Mahanavami dibba, a massive platform is/ are correct?

- It is situated on one of the highest points in the city of Vijayanagara.
- Virupaksha temple is located on it. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

12. Which of the following statements about the Bundela rebellion against Aurangzeb are correct?

- Shivaji advised Chhatrasal to promote local risings against Aurangzeb.
- Chhatrasal levied chaauth like Marathas.
- In 1705, Aurangzeb decided to make peace with Chhatrasal and Chhatrasal was granted mansab of four-thousand. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

13. Which of the following statements about the Dutch trade in Mughal period is/ are correct?

- The Dutch transported silk goods from Bengal through Hooghly.
- Cloves and nutmegs were collected at Surat by the Dutch and exported to Europe. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

14. Which naval forts were erected by Shivaji?

- Suvarnadurg
- Vijayadurg
- Sindhudurg
- Kolaba [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

15. Which of the following statements about the economy of Assam in the medieval period is/ are correct?

- Ahoms cast excellent matchlocks and made first rate gunpowder and artillery pieces.
- Assam adopted new crafts of brass-casting and making granulated sugar during this period.
- Sarthebari village (in Kamrup) was known for its skill in metal casting. [Asstt. Commdt. 2024]

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

■ CDS-II 2024

1. The
- antariya*
- was a garment worn by people during the Mauryan period. It was: [CDS-II 2024]

- an unstitched length of cloth draped around the body.
- a sewn garment consisting of a sleeved tunic.
- a head covering used exclusively by women.
- made of strips sewn together tied at the waist with a cord.

2. Which of the following statements with reference to the Utpala dynasty of Kashmir is/are correct?
 1. Avantivarman, the founder, devoted his energies to the economic upliftment of his subjects.
 2. Avantivarman's period in Kashmir is known for the engineering operations under his minister Suyya, resulting in the enormous increase of grains and fall in prices.
 [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. Which of the following pairs of High Offices and concerned Departments in the Mauryan Administration are correctly matched?
 1. *Samahartri* Chief Collector of Revenue
 2. *Dauvarika* Chief of Army
 3. *Akshapatala* Records-cum-Audit Officer
 4. *Samnidhatri* Treasurer [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
4. Which kingdom was described by Governor-General Lord Dalhousie as "A cherry that will drop into our mouth one day"? [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) Delhi (b) Awadh
 (c) Jhansi (d) Gwalior
5. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 1. During the Second Round Table Conference held in London in 1931, the British Government refused to accept the basic nationalist demand for freedom.
 2. India was granted dominion status in 1932.
 3. Viceroy Lord Willingdon adopted a policy of reconciliation with Congress.
 4. The Civil Disobedience Movement was started with the breaking of salt laws. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 4 only
 (c) 1 and 4 only (d) 1, 2 and 4
6. Which of the following statements about Cabinet Mission are correct?
 1. It was sent to India in 1946 to negotiate the transfer of power with the Indian leaders.
 2. It proposed a two-tiered federal plan while conceding the largest measure of regional autonomy.
 3. There was to be a federation of Provinces and States, alongside a federal centre.
 4. The individual provinces were allowed to form regional unions to which they could surrender some of their powers by mutual agreement. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
 (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
7. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?
 1. Gajapati - Name of a powerful Dynasty in Orissa
 2. Ashvapati - Deccan Sultans
 3. Narapati - Rayas of Vijayanagara [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of the above
8. Which of the following statements about the Vedanta philosophy is/are correct?
 1. Shankara was the founder of *Advaita Vedanta*.
 2. The philosophy of *Dvaita* was elaborated by Madhva. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. The distribution of *charkhas* on a wide scale among the people was decided by: [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) Congress Working Committee in 1919
 (b) All India Congress Committee in 1921
 (c) Mahatma Gandhi at the start of Dandi March
 (d) All India Congress Committee in 1947
10. The terms used for cereals in the Rig Veda are: [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) *Godhuma* and *Vrihi* (b) *Yava* and *Dhanya*
 (c) *Tila* and *Khala* (d) *Priyangu* and *Shyamaka*
11. Which of the following statements about the condition of widows in the 18th century India are correct?
 1. Raja Sawai Jai Singh of Amber promoted widow remarriage.
 2. Maratha General Parshuram Bhau promoted widow remarriage.
 3. Raja Ram Mohan Roy opposed Sati. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
12. Which of the following statements about the administrative measures of Shivaji is/are correct?
 1. The scheme of *Ashta Pradhan* (eight ministers) was completed and announced at the time of Shivaji's coronation with regulations and duties properly defined.
 2. Shivaji introduced Marathi in place of Persian and coined Sanskrit technical terms for administrative purposes. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
13. With reference to the Mesolithic art in India, which of the following statements is/are correct?
 1. Alexander Burns discovered the first rock paintings in India at Sohaghat in Uttar Pradesh.
 2. Bhimbetka rock paintings were discovered when archaeologist V.S. Wakankar noticed the rocks out of a train window while travelling from Bhopal to Itarsi and got off at the nearest railway station to explore the site.
 3. The paintings and engravings do not exist in the same shelter in the rock art of Orissa. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 2
14. In the decoration of Stupas, what does the term 'Kinjalkini' refer to? [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) Creepers showing ornaments and textiles
 (b) Scarves and saris
 (c) Mango shaped pendants
 (d) A garland of thousand lotus flowers
15. Which of the following is/are the correct components of the "Lion Capital" at Sarnath?
 1. The shaft (*stambha-yashti*) or the tall tapering column
 2. An elliptical top part - the abacus, devoid of any carvings
 3. Overflowing inverted petals below the abacus. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
16. Who among the following were famous for their metal-casting skills and used to cast excellent matchlocks during the medieval period? [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) Marathas (b) Rajputs (c) Ahoms (d) Gondes
17. Which of the following statements about the Ancient Hindu metal images in India is/are correct?
 1. The Chola period is well known for the aesthetic and technical finesse of its metal sculpture.
 2. The iconography and style of Chola metal images were similar to those of their stone counterparts. [CDS-II 2024]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

■ CDS-I 2024

1. Which one of the following has been an important early Chola painting discovered at the Brihadisvara Temple, Thanjavur in 1931? [CDS-I 2024]
 (a) Buddha with Chauri-bearers on either side
 (b) Shiva as Yoga-Dakshinamurti
 (c) Yakshi Kali
 (d) Parshvanatha with snake-hood on a lion-throne

2. How many of the following statements about the initial development of railways in India by the British is/are correct?
 1. Private financial investors for railways would get land free from the British Government in India.
 2. The investors would get a return of 5 percent on their capital from the government if they ran at a loss or secured inadequate profit.
 3. The railways would be jointly managed with the government.

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(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) None
3. Which of the following industries was most affected by the deindustrialization of India in the 19th century? [CDS-I 2024]
 - (a) Silk manufacture (b) Cotton textiles
 - (c) Iron and steel (d) Woolen manufacture
4. How many of the following statements about the early phase of the National Movement in India is/are correct?
 1. Ferozeshah Mehta, Badruddin Tyabji and others formed the Bombay Presidency Association.
 2. Surendranath Banerjee and his group planned an Indian National Conference at Calcutta.
 3. Allan Octavian Hume decided to create an all-India body as a rival to the above organisations to give vent to the grievances of the poor and marginalised Indians.

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(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) All (d) None
5. Which of the following statements about Rana Kumbha of Mewar is/are correct?
 1. He wrote a commentary on Jayadeva's *Gita Govinda*.
 2. He wrote four dramas in which he is said to have made use of four provincial languages.
 3. He erected Kirti Stambha in Chittor in commemoration of his victory over Gujarat.

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(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 3 only
6. Who among the following Chola kings encouraged the Shailendra ruler of Sri Vijaya to build a Buddhist Vihara in Nagapattinam? [CDS-I 2024]
 - (a) Parantaka I (b) Rajaraja I
 - (c) Rajendra I (d) Kulottunga I
7. Who among the following was not a court poet of King Krishnadeva Raya? [CDS-I 2024]
 - (a) Timmana (b) Dhurjati
 - (c) Mallana (d) Siddheshvara
8. The royal portraits of Simhavarman and Mahendravarman are found in which cave temple at Mamallapuram? [CDS-I 2024]
 - (a) Varaha Cave (b) Ramanuja Cave
 - (c) Adivaraha Cave (d) Trimurti Cave
9. How many of the following statements about Bhakti poet Namdev is/are correct?
 1. He seems to have played a part in transmitting the southern Bhakti to northern India.
 2. He was a rigorous monotheist and opposed caste distinctions.
 3. He was a devout follower of Kabir.

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(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) None
10. How many of the following statements regarding medicine and related practices in medieval India is/are correct?
 1. Indian medicine of the Graeco-Arabic tradition (*Tibb-i-Yunani*) was almost identical in its practice with contemporary Persian medicine.
 2. Harvey's discovery of the circulation of blood was explained to a scholarly noble by European traveller Francois Bernier.
 3. The practice of smallpox inoculation was described in contemporary Yunani and Ayurvedic texts.

[CDS-I 2024]

(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) None
11. Which of the following statements about Virashaivism is/are correct?
 1. The Virashaivism traces its origin to the five great religious teachers- Renuka, Daruka, Ghantakarna, Dhenukarna and Vishvakarna.
 2. The Virashaiva philosophy is called *Shaktivishishtadvaita* - the non-duality of God.
 3. *Ashtavarana* are the eight rules of the Virashaivism to be observed by the followers.

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(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 3 only
12. Who propounded Kashmir Shaivism? [CDS-I 2024]
 - (a) Vasugupta (b) Abhinavagupta
 - (c) Ramakantha (d) Ranganathacharya
13. Which of the following statements about the Jorwe culture of the Deccan is/are correct?
 1. It covers, practically, the whole of modern Maharashtra except the coastal Konkan district.
 2. The Pravara-Godavari valleys seem to have been the nuclear zone.
 3. The large sites of this culture yield evidence of shifting agriculture.

[CDS-I 2024]

(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
14. Which of the following statements about Madurai, the capital city of the Pandya kingdom, is/are correct?
 1. It has been described in *Maduraikkanchi* as a large grand city, enclosed by walls on three sides and the Vaigai river on the fourth side.
 2. The *Arthashastra* mentions it as a centre of fine cotton textiles.
 3. Other literary sources describe it as a major craft centre.

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(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
15. Which of the following statements about Sawai Jai Singh's astronomical work is/are correct?
 1. He learnt of the accuracy of European observations, and obtained de La Hire's tables from which he reproduced a refraction table.
 2. His astronomers also developed a telescope of their own to observe the lunar phases of Venus.

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(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
16. *Man Kautuhal*, a work on music, was prepared under the aegis of [CDS-I 2024]
 - (a) Raja Man Singh of Gwalior (b) Tansen
 - (c) Meera Bai (d) Amir Khusrau
17. Which one among the following was not a part of the action programme of the Non-Cooperation Movement? [CDS-I 2024]
 - (a) The Congress organisation was to reach down to the village and the Mohalla level
 - (b) Boycott of government affiliated schools and colleges
 - (c) Taking control of the law & order machinery of the State by the Congress Working Committee
 - (d) Surrender of titles and honours given by the government
18. How many of the following statements about the Mauryan State and the forest people is/are correct?
 1. The forest people were subjected to new forms of political & economic dominance and the necessity to subordinate & assimilate them led to a change in the earlier attitude of excluding these people from imperial territory.
 2. The State recognised that the forest produce was the sole monopoly of the forest people.
 3. The State was concerned with the conservation of forests and to this end the burning of forests was prohibited.

4. The forest people could be harnessed to serve the State and could be used as troops, spies and assassins. [CDS-I 2024]
 (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
19. At which of the following places was diamond mining carried out during the Delhi Sultanate period? [CDS-I 2024]
 (a) Awadh (b) Khambhat (c) Panna (d) Lakhnauti

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1. Which one of the following is the language of the famous political treatise *Amuktamalyada*? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) Sanskrit (b) Tamil (c) Kannada (d) Telugu
2. Where is the Vikramkhola Cave located? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) Odisha (b) Bihar (c) Telangana (d) West Bengal
3. Which of the following statements regarding the 'Levallois Technique' is/are correct?
 1. It refers to making perforated Harappa pottery.
 2. It refers to making prehistoric flake tools. [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 1. The Bakshali Manuscript written in the Gatha language (a refined version of old Prakrit) using the Sharada script deals with topics such as fractions, square roots, arithmetic and geometric progressions.
 2. In the field of geometry, Aryabhata described the various properties of a circle giving a very accurate value for pi correct to four decimal places at 3.1416.
 3. *Sharangadhara Samhita* is an important text on political system of ancient India. [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 only
5. Which one of the following is not correct about the Indian Independence Act, 1947? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) The Bill for the Indian Independence Act was introduced in Parliament on July 4 and received the Royal Assent on July 18, 1947.
 (b) Act of 1947 laid down the basic framework of the Indian Constitution.
 (c) The Act provided for the establishment of two independent Dominions to be known as India and Pakistan.
 (d) The Act empowered the Constituent Assembly of each Dominion to have unlimited power to frame and adopt any constitution.
6. Arrange the following events associated with Shivaji in chronological order: [CDS-II 2023]
 1. Attack on Afzal Khan 2. Capture of Torna
 3. Attack on Shaista Khan 4. Annexation of Javli
 (a) 2, 4, 1, 3 (b) 4, 2, 1, 3
 (c) 1, 2, 3, 4 (d) 3, 1, 2, 4
7. Who among the following is not a woman Nayanar saint? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) Karaikkal Ammaiyar (b) Mangayarkkarasiyar
 (c) Andal (d) Isaiganiyar
8. Which one of the following pairs of terms and their meanings is not correctly matched? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) *Nagarakkani*: Land owned by thenagaram
 (b) *Nattar*: Male serpent deity
 (c) *Yupa*: Sacrificial post
 (d) *Viragal*: 'Hero stone' in the Tamil Nadu area
9. Which of the following statements with reference to the Nataraj bronze sculpture of Chola period is/are correct?
 1. Shiva is shown balancing himself on his right leg representing *tirobhava*.
 2. Shiva is shown raising his left leg in *bhujangatrasita* stance, representing kicking away the illusion from the devotee's mind.

3. The main right hand holds the *damaru*, Shiva's favourite musical instrument. [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
10. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 1. Shivaji sent an ambassador to Bombay to negotiate an agreement with the English.
 2. His chief motive was to secure English aid against the Siddis of Danda-Rajpuri.
 3. He wanted a supply of grenades, mortars and other ammunition. [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
11. The famous Hathigumpha inscription of Kharavela mentions that in the eleventh year of his reign, Kharavela destroyed a confederacy of Tamil States, "Tramiradesa Sanghatam", which had long been a source of danger. How old was this confederacy of Tamil States at that time? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) 110 years old (b) 111 years old
 (c) 112 years old (d) 113 years old
12. Which of the following statements about the Vaishnava saint of Assam, Shankardeva, is/are correct?
 1. His teachings are often known as the *Bhagavati dharma*.
 2. He encouraged the establishment of *satras* or monasteries and *namghars* or prayer halls for the transmission of spiritual knowledge.
 3. His major compositions include the *Kirtana-ghosha*. [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 3 only
13. Abdur Razzaq, an ambassador of the ruler of Persia, was sent to Calicut in the fifteenth century. He was greatly impressed by the: [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) Fortifications of Calicut
 (b) Climatic conditions of the coastal town
 (c) High quality spices of the place
 (d) Musical traditions of the place
14. Which of the following statements about science in medieval South India is/are correct?
 1. The Katapayadi system of numerals, which was invented by Vararuchi of Kerala, the author of Chandra Vakyas, was used for calculating the position of Moon on any day of the year.
 2. Achyuta Pisharati (1550 - 1621) wrote *Uparagakriyakrama*, a text on eclipses.
 3. Ravi Varma of Mahodayapuram set up an observatory and is also said to have inaugurated the Kollam era. [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 3 only
 (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
15. Which of the following dynasties of South India issued their documents first in Prakrit and later in Sanskrit? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) The Cholas of Tamil Nadu
 (b) The Pandyas of the post-Sangam Age
 (c) The Pallavas of Tondaimandalam
 (d) The Gangas of Kalinganagara
16. Who was the author of the Gwalior Prashasti of Mihira Bhoja? [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) Nagabhata (b) Vatsaraja (c) Baladitya (d) Kakkuka
17. The Sahajiya Cult, which can be traced back to 10th and 11th centuries, is usually associated with: [CDS-II 2023]
 (a) early Bhakti traditions
 (b) a kind of early Sufism
 (c) early Upanishadic philosophy
 (d) Buddhism

CDS-I 2023

1. Who among the following is the author of the book, *Bandi Jivan*? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Rash Behari Bose (b) Veer Savarkar
 (c) Aruna Asaf Ali (d) Sachindranath Sanyal

2. In the election held in 1937, in which two provinces was the Indian National Congress not able to emerge as the single largest party? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Punjab and Sind
 (b) Assam and North-West Frontier Province
 (c) Punjab and Assam
 (d) Assam and Madras
3. Which of the statements given below is/are correct?
 After forming the Indian National Army, Subhas Chandra Bose
 1. recruited a large number of soldiers from the Indian Prisoners of War in Japanese camp.
 2. introduced a women's detachment named after the Rani of Jhansi. [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Which one of the following pairs denoting various forms of 'Bhakti' is not correctly matched? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) *Saguna* : Belief in Gods with attributes
 (b) *Nirguna* : Belief in Gods without attributes
 (c) *Alvars* : Believed in devotion of Shakti
 (d) *Nayanars* : Believed in devotion of Shiva
5. Which two rivers flow in the region between Gulbarga and Vijayanagara/Hampi? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Narmada and Godavari (b) Mahanadi and Godavari
 (c) Kaveri and Periyar (d) Krishna and Tungabhadra
6. Who among the following were referred to as the 'Theris' in ancient India? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Respected women
 (b) Elder nuns in Buddhism
 (c) Women denied the *Bhikkhuni* status
 (d) Women expelled from the Buddhist Sangha
7. Which member of the Servants of India Society founded the Seva Samiti at Allahabad in 1914? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Shri Ram Bajpai (b) Hriday Nath Kunzru
 (c) S.G. Vaze (d) Srinivas Shastri
8. The First Anglo-Maratha War was concluded by which one of the following? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) The Treaty of Surat
 (b) The Treaty of Purandar
 (c) The Convention of Wadgaon
 (d) The Treaty of Salbai
9. In which one of the following revolts did the Koya and Konda tribal chiefs rise against the local overlord from a Mansabdar family? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) The Rampa Rebellion, 1879-1880
 (b) The Gudum Uprising, 1886
 (c) The Rampa Rebellion, 1922-1924
 (d) The Telangana Armed Struggle, 1946-1951
10. The notion of kinship projected by the Kushana rulers is best evidenced through which of the following? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Their identification with deities
 (b) Grants to religious institutions
 (c) Inscriptional panegyrics
 (d) Coins and sculpture
11. Who among the following political leaders suggested the dissolution of the Indian National Congress as a political organization and its replacement by a Lok Sevak Sangh? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Vallabhbhai Patel (b) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
 (c) M.K. Gandhi (d) Jawaharlal Nehru
12. The titles of '*Rayagajakesari*' and '*Dayagajakesari*' were associated with which one of the following dynasties? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Kakatiya (b) Vijayanagara
 (c) Gajapati (d) Rashtrakuta
13. Name the location of the musical inscription containing groups of musical notes arranged for the benefit of his pupils by a king in the seventh or eighth century CE. [CDS-I 2023]

- (a) Ennayiram (b) Uttaramerur
 (c) Siyyamangalam (d) Kudumiyamalai

14. Which one of the following was primarily associated with 'Dadni' system? [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) Textile production (b) Warfare
 (c) Payment to officials (d) Revenue collection
15. Which of the following statements about Kanaganahalli archaeological site are correct?
 1. It is situated on the bank of Bhima river.
 2. The remains of the Kanaganahalli Stupa can be dated between 1st and 3rd centuries CE.
 3. Emperor Ashoka's image was found at the site. [CDS-I 2023]
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

IAS 2022

1. In the Government of India Act 1919, the functions of Provincial Government were divided into "Reserved" and "Transferred" subjects. Which of the following were treated as "Reserved" subjects? [IAS 2022]
 1. Administration of Justice 2. Local Self-Government
 3. Land Revenue 4. Police
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 4
2. In medieval India, the term "*Fanam*" referred to: [IAS 2022]
 (a) Clothing (b) Coins (c) Ornaments (d) Weapons
3. Consider the following freedom fighters: [IAS 2022]
 1. Barindra Kumar Ghosh
 2. Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee
 3. Rash Behari Bose
 Who of the above was/were actively associated with the Ghadar Party?
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 only
4. With reference to the proposals of Cripps Mission, consider the following statements: [IAS 2022]
 1. The Constituent Assembly would have members nominated by the Provincial Assemblies as well as the Princely States.
 2. Any Province, which is not prepared to accept the new Constitution would have the right to sign a separate agreement with Britain regarding its future status.
 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
5. With reference to Indian history, consider the following texts:
 1. Nettipakarana 2. Parishistaparvan [IAS 2022]
 3. Avadanashataka 4. Trishashtilakshana Mahapurana
 Which of the above are Jaina texts?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 4 only
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 2, 3 and 4
6. With reference to Indian history, consider the following pairs: [IAS 2022]

	Historical person	Known as
1.	Aryadeva	— Jaina scholar
2.	Dignaga	— Buddhist scholar
3.	Nathamuni	— Vaishnava scholar

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) None of the pairs (b) Only one pair
 (c) Only two pairs (d) All three pairs
7. With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements: [IAS 2022]
 1. The first Mongol invasion of India happened during the reign of Jalal-ud-din Khalji.

2. During the reign of Ala-ud-din Khalji, one Mongol assault marched up to Delhi and besieged the city.
3. Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq temporarily lost portions of north-west of his kingdom to Mongols.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8. With reference to Indian history, who of the following were known as "*Kulah-Daran*"? [IAS 2022]

- (a) Arab merchants (b) Qalandars
(c) Persian calligraphists (d) Sayyids

9. With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements: [IAS 2022]

- The Dutch established their factories/warehouses on the east coast on lands granted to them by Gajapati rulers.
- Alfonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from the Bijapur Sultanate.
- The English East India Company established a factory at Madras on a plot of land leased from a representative of the Vijayanagara empire.

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

10. According to Kautilya's *Arthashastra*, which of the following are correct? [IAS 2022]

- A person could be a slave as a result of a judicial punishment.
- If a female slave bore her master a son, she was legally free.
- If a son born to a female slave was fathered by her master, the son was entitled to the legal status of the master's son.

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. Consider the following pairs: [IAS 2022]

	Site of Ashoka's major rock edicts	Location in the State of
1.	Dhauli	— Odisha
2.	Erragudi	— Andhra Pradesh
3.	Jaugada	— Madhya Pradesh
4.	Kalsi	— Karnataka

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

12. Consider the following pairs: [IAS 2022]

	King	Dynasty
1.	Nannuka	— Chandela
2.	Jayashakti	— Paramara
3.	Nagabhata II	— Gurjara-Pratihara
4.	Bhoja	— Rashtrakuta

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

13. Which one of the following statements about Sangam literature in ancient South India is correct? [IAS 2022]

- Sangam poems are devoid of any reference to material culture.
- The social classification of *Varna* was known to Sangam poets.
- Sangam poems have no reference to warrior ethic.
- Sangam literature refers to magical forces as irrational.

14. "*Yogavasistha*" was translated into Persian by Nizamuddin Panipati during the reign of: [IAS 2022]

- (a) Akbar (b) Humayun
(c) Shahjahan (d) Aurangzeb

15. The world's second tallest statue in sitting pose of Ramanuja was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India at Hyderabad

recently. Which one of the following statements correctly represents the teachings of Ramanuja? [IAS 2022]

- The best means of salvation was devotion.
- Vedas are eternal, self-existent and wholly authoritative.
- Logical arguments were essential means for the highest bliss.
- Salvation was to be obtained through meditation.

CDS 2022 (I)

1. Which of the following statements about sculptures at Sanchi is/are correct? [CDS 2022]

- In some sculptures, there is representation of Shalabhanjika.
- The figure of *Shalabhanjika* is represented by a woman surrounded by lotuses and elephants.
- The *Shalabhanjika* motif was not directly inspired by Buddhist ideas.

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

2. In which one of the following years was the first telegraphic connection established between Europe and India? [CDS 2022]

- (a) 1851 (b) 1854 (c) 1865 (d) 1871

3. Which of the following terms were used in the Indo-Persian sources of the Mughal period to denote a peasant? [CDS 2022]

1. *Raiyat* 2. *Asami* 3. *Muzarian* 4. *Majur*

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

4. Who among the following pioneering Bengali women serialised her autobiography *Amar Katha* between 1910 and 1913? [CDS 2022]

- (a) Binodini Dasi
(b) Rashsundari Debi
(c) Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain
(d) Kailashbhashini Debi

5. Who among the following belonged to Serampore Mission?

1. William Carey 2. Joshua Marshman [CDS 2022]

3. William Ward 4. David Hare
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

6. Consider the following statements: [CDS 2022]

- In the 19th century, peasants in various parts of India rose in revolt against moneylenders and grain dealers.
- In May 1875, at village Supa in Poona District in the Bombay Deccan, peasants attacked shopkeepers, burnt the *bahi khata*s (account books), looted grain shops and set fire to the houses of Sahukars.

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

7. Which one of the following was **not** a part of Kautilya's *Saptanga* Theory of the State? [CDS 2022]

- (a) Amatya (b) Janapada (c) Durga (d) Dhamma

8. Consider the following statements about Ashoka's faith in Buddhism: [CDS 2022]

- Rummindei Pillar Inscription and Nigali Sagar Pillar Inscription provide clear evidence of Ashoka's faith in Buddhism.
- Minor Rock Edict-I gives evidence of a sudden change in Ashoka's faith in Buddhism.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. From among the following Mahajanapadas, identify the *gana/sangha* (oligarchy): [CDS 2022]

- (a) Magadha (b) Vajji (c) Avanti (d) Kosala

10. Which of the following was/were the founder member(s) of Hindustan Socialist Republican Army established in September, 1928? [CDS 2022]

1. Bhagat Singh 2. Jatindranath
3. Ajoy Ghosh 4. Phanindranath Ghosh
(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

11. Who among the following did **not** belong to the group of 'No-Changers'? [CDS 2022]

(a) M. A. Ansari (b) Vithalbhai Patel
(c) Chakravarti Rajagopalachari (d) Kasturi-Ranga Iyengar

■ CDS 2022 (II)

- What were *Manigramam* and *Nanadesi* in early medieval India? [CDS 2022]
(a) Cluster of non-revenue paying villages
(b) Village-level community groups
(c) Guilds of Indian merchants
(d) Literary societies in the capital towns
- The Dutch were defeated by Marthanda Varma of Travancore Kingdom in the battle of [CDS 2022]
(a) Wandiwash (b) Rakshasi Tangadi
(c) Pullalur (d) Colachel
- To which one of the following schools of philosophy did Kumarila Bhatta and Prabhakara belong? [CDS 2022]
(a) Lokayata (b) Madhyamika
(c) Purva-Mimamsa (d) Uttara-Mimamsa
- The *Tolkappiyam* is [CDS 2022]
(a) A work of grammar
(b) A Tamil poem in praise of Rajendra Chola.
(c) An ancient didactic work in Tamil.
(d) A drama composed by a Chera King.
- On the banks of which one of the following rivers was the ancient Mahishmati located? [CDS 2022]
(a) Sarayu (b) Son (c) Narmada (d) Godavari
- What was a *munjaniq* in medieval period? [CDS 2022]
(a) Cannon (b) Catapult
(c) Gun carriage (d) Portable armoury
- Match the following : [CDS 2022]

	Literary Work		Author
A.	<i>Duta Ghatotkacha</i>	1.	Bhatti
B.	<i>Mrichchhakatikam</i>	2.	Bhasa
C.	<i>Kirtarjuniyam</i>	3.	Shudraka
D.	<i>Ravanavadha</i>	4.	Bharavi

A B C D

(a) 1 3 4 2
(c) 2 3 4 1

A B C D

(b) 1 4 3 2
(d) 2 4 3 1

- The Bengal Famine of 1769-70 was worsened by [CDS 2022]
(a) Locust attacks (b) Rat infestation
(c) High levels of taxation (d) Smallpox epidemic
- Which one of the following is not the work of Ashvaghosha? [CDS 2022]

(a) *Sariputrprakarana* (b) *Buddhacharita*
(c) *Saundarananda* (d) *Manjushrimulakalpa*

10. During the 8th-14th centuries, in the Sanskrit texts and inscriptions, which of the following terms were used to denote Muslims?

1. Turushka 2. Tajika [CDS 2022]
3. Parashika 4. Kardamaka
(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1, 2 and 4
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 3 and 4

11. In the citadel and lower-town areas of which one of the following Harappan cities, have several large cisterns and reservoirs been found? [CDS 2022]

(a) Banawali (b) Mohenjodaro
(c) Dholavira (d) Rakhigarhi

12. Consider the following statements about cavalry warfare in India : [CDS 2022]

- The iron stirrup made it possible for the armoured warrior to sit firmly on a horse without falling off.
- The iron stirrup also allowed a cavalry charge with lances held tightly to the body, without the rider being thrown off by the shock of impact.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Which among the following are Charvaka Schools of Philosophy? [CDS 2022]

1. *Dhurtta* 2. *Nyaya*
3. *Sushikshita* 4. *Vaisheshika*
(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1 and 3 only

14. The British policy towards Afghanistan in the first half of the 19th century aimed at [CDS 2022]

(a) Strengthening Afghanistan as a buffer against Russia.
(b) Weakening Russian influence in Afghanistan but not promoting a strong Afghanistan either.
(c) Promoting Russian influence in Afghanistan to control insurgent tribal leaders.
(d) Annexing Afghanistan as a directly-controlled British Territory.

15. Who among the following usurped power in Kanyakubja after the death of Harshavardhana? [CDS 2022]

(a) Adityasena (b) Arunashva
(c) Shashanka (d) Lalitaditya

16. The legend of Prahlad and his father Hiranyakashyap was first set out in the [CDS 2022]

(a) Bhagwat Purana (b) Vishnu Purana
(c) Vamana Purana (d) Agni Purana

17. Which one of the following statements on the issue of ownership according to *Smriti* literature is not correct? [CDS 2022]

(a) The paternal estate was to be divided equally amongst sons.
(b) Women were allowed to retain the gifts they received on the occasion of their marriage.
(c) The gifts to women on the occasion of their marriage were known as *Stridhana*.
(d) *Stridhana* was not inherited by the children without the permission of the husband.

18. Who among the following was not a woman labour leader who organised workers in the strikes in the 1920s? [CDS 2022]

(a) Sarala Devi Chaudhurani (b) Ushabai Dange
(c) Prabhavati Devi (d) Anasuya Behn

19. Who among the following Indian thinkers first spoke of food-for-work programmes to counteract the effects of famines? [CDS 2022]

(a) Kautilya (b) Aryabhatta
(c) Chandragomin (d) Prabhakara

■ WB PCS 2021

1. When was the 'Carlyle Circular' issued? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) 1905 (b) 1901
(c) 1902 (d) 1906

2. Which of the following dynasties was designated as '*Balhar*' by the Arab travellers? [WB PCS 2021]

(a) Chalukya (b) Chola
(c) Rashtrakuta (d) Pandya

3. Which among the following refers to 'unpaid labour'?

(a) Shulka (b) Udranga (c) Bali (d) Bisthi [WB PCS 2021]

4. Who was felicitated by Aurobindo Ghosh as 'the Prophet of Great Political Creed'? [WB PCS 2021]

(a) Brahmanandhab Upadhyay (b) Ashwini Kumar Dutta
(c) Rashbehari Bose (d) Bipin Chandra Pal

5. Match the following : [WB PCS 2021]

A.	Kot Diji	1.	Luigi Pio Tessitori
B.	Harappa	2.	F.A. Khan, G.S. Ghurye
C.	Kalibangan	3.	Daya Ram Sahani
D.	Mohenjodaro	4.	Rakhal Das Bandyopadhyay

- (a) (A-2), (B-3), (C-1), (D-4) (b) (A-1), (B-3), (C-2), (D-4)
(c) (A-4), (B-1), (C-2), (D-3) (d) (A-3), (B-2), (C-4), (D-1)
6. Who among the following was the contemporary ruler of Bengal during Chaitanyadeva's time? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Nusrat Shah (b) Fatheh Shah
(c) Husein Shah Sharqi (d) Alauddin Hussein Shah
7. Which of the following parts do not match? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Jaunpur — Atala Masjid
(b) Malwa — Jahaz Mahal
(c) Ajmer — Kubbatul Islam
(d) Gaur — Bara Sona Masjid
8. Who was the first president of the All India Kisan Sabha? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Swami Sahajanand Saraswati
(b) N.G. Ranga
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Jaya Prakash Narayan
9. Match the following : [WB PCS 2021]
- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| A. Moriyas | 1. Pippalivana |
| B. Videhas | 2. Mithila |
| C. Licchavis | 3. Vaishali |
| D. Mallas | 4. Kapilavastu |
- Which of the above is/are not properly matched?
(a) (A-1), (B-2), (C-3) (b) (D-4)
(c) (C-3), (D-4) (d) All of the above
10. Who among the following was the Greek king of Syria mentioned in Ashokan edict? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Antiochus II Theos (b) Ptolemy II
(c) Antigonus (d) Alexander
11. Who painted the image of Bharat Mata? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Rabindranath Tagore
(b) Abanindranath Tagore
(c) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
(d) Mahatma Gandhi
12. Who among the Mughal Emperors/Courtiers arrangement for translation of Upanishadas into Farsi? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Babur (b) Akbar
(c) Shah Jahan (d) Dara Shikoh
13. The Gupta King who destroyed Sakas was [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Samudra Gupta (b) Chandra Gupta-I
(c) Kumara Gupta (d) Chandra Gupta-II
14. Which Chola king was known as Arumolivarman before his coronation? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Vira Rajendra (b) Rajaraja I
(c) Kulottunga I (d) None of them
15. Who enunciated his famous formula that 'Swaraj' must be for the 'masses' and not for the 'classes' alone? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Motilal Nehru (b) Gandhiji
(c) Subhas Chandra Bose (d) C.R. Das
16. Earlier fossil remains of archaic *Homo sapiens* have been found in [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Shivalik hills (b) Narmada valley
(c) Nallamalai hills (d) Chhotanagpur Plateau
17. Earliest evidence of settled agriculture in the subcontinent comes from [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Utnur (b) Burzahom (c) Mehrgarh (d) Bagor
18. The Non-Cooperation programme was adopted in the [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Lahore session
(b) Congress session at Nagpur
(c) Gujarat Congress
(d) Second Round Table Conference
19. Who ridiculed Gandhi as 'seditious fakir'? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Winston Churchill (b) Ramsay MacDonald
(c) Lord Irwin (d) Cripps

20. Who among the following stated that there was no slavery in India? [WB PCS 2021]
(a) Strabo (b) Ptolemy
(c) Megasthenes (d) Xuanzang (Hieun Tsang)

UP PCS 2022

1. Who among the following had translated Chintamani Bhatt's Sanskrit text '*Suka Saptati*' in Persian and gave it the title '*Tutinama*'? [UP PCS 2022]
(a) Amir Khusro (b) Abdur Razzak
(c) Shihabuddin-al-Umari (d) Khwaza Ziya-uddin Nakhshabi
2. With reference to Chandragupta-II, which of the following statements is/are correct? [UP PCS 2022]
1. The strongest evidence in the context of Shaka victory is the silver coins of this King.
2. The weight of these coins used to be about 33 grains.
(a) Only 1 (b) Both 1 and 2
(c) Only 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. Match the following : [UP PCS 2022]
- | | Officer | | Duty |
|----|--------------|----|-----------------------------|
| A. | Talar | 1. | Guard of Octroi |
| B. | Pattakola | 2. | Officer of cases of Dacoity |
| C. | Sahsadhipati | 3. | Officer of Night Guards |
| D. | Baladhip | 4. | Village Tax Collector |
- A B C D A B C D
(a) 3 4 2 1 (b) 2 1 4 3
(c) 4 3 1 2 (d) 1 2 3 4
4. Which one of the following is correctly matched? [UP PCS 2022]
(a) Deva Samaj — Banaras
(b) Bharat Dharma Mahamandal — Delhi
(c) Sanatan Dharma Rakshini Sabha — Calcutta
(d) Radhaswami Satsang — Lahore
5. Which one of the following pairs is NOT correctly matched? [UP PCS 2022]
(a) Ishwarverman — Jaunpur stone inscription
(b) Sarvaverman — Gaya Copper Plate
(c) Jivit Gupta-Second — Deva Barnark inscription
(d) Ishanverman — Harha stone inscription
6. Consider the following events and arrange them in chronological order. [UP PCS 2022]
I. Battle of Mudki II. Battle of Porto Novo
III. Battle of Shakarkheda IV. Battle of Bedara
A B C D A B C D
(a) I II III IV (b) III IV II I
(c) IV III II I (d) II III IV I
7. Arrange the following conquests of Alauddin Khilji in chronological order. [UP PCS 2022]
1. Ranthambore 2. Gujarat
3. Warangal 4. Chittor
(a) 4, 2, 3, 1 (b) 3, 4, 1, 2
(c) 2, 1, 4, 3 (d) 1, 3, 2, 4
8. Consider the following events of the reign of Aurangzeb and arrange them in chronological order: [UP PCS 2022]
1. Battle of Deorai
2. Defeat of Shuja near Banaras
3. Battle of Samugarh
4. Victory at Dharmat
(a) 4, 2, 1 and 3 (b) 1, 3, 4 and 2
(c) 3, 4, 2 and 1 (d) 2, 4, 3 and 1
9. In which of the following stupas, the features of a platform with 'Aryak-Pillars' are found? [UP PCS 2022]
(a) Bodhgaya (b) Ghantshal
(c) Amaravati (d) Nagarjunikonda