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## GENERAL STUDIES TEST SERIES

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION - 2018

TEST 5: ART & CULTURE - I

Time Allowed: Two Hours

Maximum Marks: 200

### Instructions:

1. This Test Booklet contains 100 items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best.
2. All items carry equal marks.
3. Mark your answer on the Answer Sheet provided separately. For marking your answer darken the circle against the option by using a Pencil.
4. **Penalty for wrong Answers:**

**THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS**

- (1) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
- (2) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
- (3) If a question is left blank i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for the question.

**Q1.** Consider the following statements about some differences between Buddhism and Jainism:

1. The Jaina doctrine of Syadavada is based on existence of multiple perspectives of a notion whereas the Buddhist doctrine of Dependent Origination attributes every action to some cause behind it.
2. Buddhism does not believe in living life of hardships and extreme penances to attain liberation whereas in Jainism for purification of soul even slow starvation can be resorted.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q2.** Consider the following statements about Indus Civilization:

1. Indus people involved in maritime trade.
2. They traded with Central Asia through land routes as well.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q3.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Indus people practised various agricultural techniques.
2. They had considerable knowledge of the rain and flood pattern and did their cropping accordingly.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q4.** Consider the following statements about Ancient period of Indian History:

1. Most of the rulers remained involved in imperial pursuits of territorial expansion outside Indian sub-continent.
2. They neglected the development of art and culture and scientific development.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q5.** Consider the following statements about Indus Civilization:

1. No religious buildings of any kind except the Great Bath, have been found.
2. The Harappans were quite attentive to the military defence of their territory and possessed several types of weapons.
3. The Harappans seemed to have hoarded foodgrains for meeting any contingency situation.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q6.** Consider the following statements about Rg Vedic Period:

1. The early Aryans first settled on the land drained by various rivers.
2. The people were fairly equipped with variety of weaponry and used horse-driven chariots for warfare.
3. The early Aryans, didn't involve themselves in intra-tribal battles.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Rg Vedic Aryans exhibited greater loyalty to the tribe.
2. The Rg Vedic Aryans exhibited greater attention to their territorial occupation or unit.
3. The tribal chief, being militarily superior, ruled his tribe with militaristic methods.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q8.** The Rg Vedic Aryans, having immense faith in the benevolence of Gods, prayed them for granting

1. Wealth and prosperity
2. Victories over non-aryans
3. Cattle wealth
4. Union with supreme soul.

Select the correct code:

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

**Q9.** Which of the following distinguish Later Aryans from the Indus people?

1. Knowledge of mathematics/geometry
2. Iron technology
3. Prevalence of temple worship
4. Metal currency.

Select the correct code:

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

**Q10.** In the context of ancient Indian history, consider the following pairs:

Terms	Used for Meaning
1. Krishna ayas	: A. Vedic God
2. Vrihi	: B. Cattle shed
3. Gotra	: C. Food grains
4. Prajapati	: D. Metal

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A  
(b) 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B  
(c) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D  
(d) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B, 4-D

**Q11.** Which of the following term(s) is/are related to stupa art and architecture?

1. Vedika                                  2. Torana
3. Harmika                               4. Chhatra
5. Uposatha

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only                  (b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (d) 4 and 5 only

**Q12.** Which of the following place(s) is/are related to cave art?

1. Barabar                                2. Badami
3. Karle                                    4. Guntapalle
5. Udaigiri

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only                  (b) 1, 2 and 5 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only                        (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Q13.** Which of the following Buddhist postures is part of the moment of Buddha's becoming the enlightened one?

- (a) Varadamudra  
(b) Abhaymudra  
(c) Bhumisparsh mudra  
(d) Dharmachakrapravartan mudra

**Q14.** Which of the following inscriptions deal(s) with canal/irrigation system during the period of ancient history?

1. Hathigumpha Inscription
2. Junagarh Inscription
3. Aihole Inscription

Select the correct code:

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

**Q15.** The 'Saptanga' relates to

- (a) elements of political system  
(b) important Janapadas in the post Vedic period  
(c) perspectives of a Jaina philosophy  
(d) schools of philosophy

**Q16.** Apart from developments in other areas in which area, there was witnessed a remarkable development in the Post-Maurya period?

- (a) Temple Construction  
(b) State formation  
(c) Metallurgy  
(d) Sanskrit literature

**Q17.** Consider the following pairs:

Places	Theme/Important for
1. Bharhut	: A. Buddhism
2. Allahabad	: B. Literary Court
3. Ujjain	: C. Military exploits of a king
4. Kannauj	: D. Trading centre

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C

(b) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C

(c) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D

(d) 1-A, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B

**Q18.** Outside India, the term 'Hindsa' was known in the context of

(a) Indian script

(b) Indian spices

(c) Indian cotton

(d) Indian numerals

**Q19.** Consider the following Vedic terms and their implied meanings:

Terms	Meanings/Implied Meaning
1. Gopa	: village headman
2. Godhuli	: dusk
3. Gavyuti	: search for cows
4. Gomat	: election of tribal chief

Which of the above is/are correctly matched?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 1 and 4 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 2 only

**Q20.** Consider the following lists containing archaeological remains and sites.

List – I (Archaeological remains)	List – II (Sites)
1. Rock Elephant	: A. Lothal
2. Majestic Gateways	: B. Dhauri
3. Harbour	: C. Mohenjodaro
4. Flooded town	: D. Sanchi

Select the correctly matched code:

(a) 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C

(b) 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-A

(c) 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B

(d) 1-A, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B

**Q21.** Which of following temples/structures has been adjudged as the cleanest temple under Swachhta Hi Seva Programme?

(a) Meenakshi Temple, Madurai

(b) Dargah of Shiekh Moinuddin Chisti, Ajmer

(c) The Golden Temple, Amritsar

(d) Shri Vaishno Devi Temple, Jammu

**Q22.** Consider the following statements about Dasavatar Temple:

1. It is a Panchayatan style temple.

2. It is a free standing temple.

3. It was constructed with bricks during the Gupta period.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**Q23.** Match the following:

**List – I (Art Specimen)**

**List – II (Places/sites)**

1. Arjuna's Penance

: A. Ajanta Caves

2. Elephant descending to womb off Queen Mayadevi

: B. Mathura

3. Buddha's image in spotted Red Sand Stone

: C. Mamallapuram

4. Mahaparinirvana of Buddha

: D. Bharhut

Select the correctly matched code:

(a) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B

(b) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A

(c) 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-A

(d) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D

**Q24.** Consider the following modes of economic exchange in the context of ancient history of India:

1. Coins bearing image of Lord Shiva with Nandi

2. Coins depicting a musical instrument

3. Dynastic coins

4. Punch-marked Coins

Put them in Correct Chronological order:

(a) 4-3-2-1

(b) 4-3-1-2

(c) 1-4-3-2

(d) 1-3-4-2

**Q25.** Which of the following pairs is correctly matched?

**Books:**

**Part/Subject/Theme:**

(a) Mattavilasaprahsana : Sangama text

(b) Silpadigaram : Kannagi cult

(c) Mrichhakatika : Victory over Shakas

(d) Sutta Pitaka : Code of Conduct

**Q26.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Northern India witnessed large scale temple construction during Gupta period.
2. The architects in Gupta period excelled in constructing huge and gigantic temples.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q27.** Which of the following books is story of a forlorn lover who appeals to every natural agency particularly clouds to carry his message to his beloved?

- (a) Ritusamhara  
(b) Meghasandhesa  
(c) Kadambari  
(d) Shakuntalam

**Q28.** Consider the following statements:

1. During the Sangam Age, there was a large scale maritime trade between South India and Europe.
2. Though Ashokan Inscriptions have been found as deep as Karnataka no mention of Sangam dynasties could be found in them.
3. During Mauryan period, a Jaina mission reached Karnataka.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q29.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Chalukyan Kings patronised a hybrid style of temple architecture.
2. The caves at Badami belong Buddhism, Jainism and Hinduism.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q30.** Which of the following dynasties has/have not been talked of in Sangam Literature?

1. Cholas of Tanjavur
2. Cheras
3. Satiyaputras

Select the correct code:

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

**Q31.** Consider the following statements about Later Vedic period:

1. Territorial expansion became one of the motives of performing rituals and sacrifices.
2. The society was egalitarian in approach with ample educational opportunities for all.
3. The use of metallic agricultural implements supported the rise of agriculture economy.
4. Vedic hymns were elaborated upon and sufficient commentaries or explanations on them were produced.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are incorrect?

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

**Q32.** Consider the following statements about the Vedas:

1. The Rg Veda, considered a text of divine knowledge, reflected the desires of the Aryans to free themselves from worldly bondage.
2. The Vedas are understood to be eternal, without any beginning or end.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q33.** Consider the following statements about Upanishads:

1. According to early Upanishads, the self is identical with the supreme soul.
2. Both, being attributeless are unchanging and indestructible.
3. The philosophy of Upanishads does not believe in transmigration of soul.
4. According to them, vices so earned during previous births are exhausted by praying to Gods with elaborate rituals and recital of hymns.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

**Q34.** In the context of Vedic Age, consider the following pairs:

<b>Texts/Litt.</b>	<b>Related to/Meanings</b>
1. Sulvasutra	: A. Divine Blessings
2. Brahmana	: B. Astronomy
3. Rg Veda	: C. Commentaries on Rituals
4. Jyotish Vedanga	: D. Geometry

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B  
 (b) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A  
 (c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C, 4-D  
 (d) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C

**Q35.** Consider the following statements:

1. The early Aryans, being pastoralists, did not engage themselves in advance agriculture practices.
2. They were well aware of the region of rivers Ganga & Yamuna and exploited the region for their pastoral activities.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q36.** Consider the following statements about Buddhist teachings:

1. The doctrine of Four Noble Truths was based on the causes of sufferings and pain and their ending.
2. The ethical notions so taught were based on following the rules of varna order.
3. Metaphysical discourses were considered must for liberation.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q37.** Which of the following statements is/are not correct about Jainism?

1. The Jaina doctrine is based on the teachings of succession of teachers before and after Vardhman Mahavir.
2. Propagation of teachings was done using local/regional dialects.

3. Due to its utmost emphasis on extreme renunciation, it could not be spread beyond Ganga & Yamuna plain.

Select the correct code:

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

**Q38.** Consider the following events related to life of Buddha:

1. Religious discourse to five disciples
2. Severance of worldly ties
3. Victory over worldly desires

Put them in the correct chronological order:

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

**Q39.** Consider the following statements:

1. Buddha explicitly denied the existence of God whereas in Jainism, God existed and manifested attributes through Jina.
2. Purification of soul should precede salvation in Jainism whereas in Buddhism righteous conduct is emphasised for end of sufferings.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q40.** Consider the following statements about sects of Buddhism:

1. The school of Mahasanghika attributes all sorts of superhuman powers to the Buddha.
2. In the Mahayana School, importance is attached to the Bodhisattvas.
3. The main attribute of a Bodhisattva, lotus-bearer, is compassion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**Q41.** Which of the following combination of features best describes Post-Maurya period?

- (a) Extensive trade, urban centres, barter system  
 (b) Schism in Buddhism, religious conversion, coinage

(c) Imperial warfare, foreign travellers, Chinese trade

(d) Sanskrit masterpieces, stone pillars, Brahmanical temple architecture

**Q42.** Match the following and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists:

**List – I (Literature)**      **List – II (They deal with)**

- |            |   |                      |
|------------|---|----------------------|
| 1. Kalpa   | : | A. Pronunciation     |
| 2. Shiksha | : | B. Word formation    |
| 3. Nirukta | : | C. Metre composition |
| 4. Chhanda | : | D. Domestic Rituals  |

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D  
(b) 1-A, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B  
(c) 1-A, 2-D, 3-B, 4-C  
(d) 1-D, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C

**Q43.** Consider the following statements about Bhimbetka art:

1. It shows various phases from prehistoric period to Ajanta period.
2. It is an elaborately carved stone sculpture.
3. It is a system of paintings rendered on rock shelters with the help of natural colours.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q44.** Which of the following events from the life of the Buddha have not been symbolised on Ashokan Pillars?

1. Mahabhinishkraman
2. Nirvana
3. Dharmachakrapravartan
4. Mahaparinirvana

Select the correct code:

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

**Q45.** Consider the following statements:

1. The archaeological remains in the Indus Civilization attest to the existence of system of collection of foodgrains as taxes.

2. The granaries constituted an important part of the Harappan cities.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q46.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Guptas did not possess an elaborate administrative machinery as was maintained by the Mauryas.
2. The political system of the Guptas was feudal in character.
3. The Guptas ruled over a very small territorial unit and did not require a big army.

Select the best answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 are correct  
(b) 1 is correct and 2 correctly explains 1.  
(c) 1 is correct and 3 correctly explains 1.  
(d) 1 and 2 are correct and 2 does not explain 1 correctly.

**Q47.** Which of the following combination of features best describes the Gupta period?

- (a) Cultural developments, matrimonial alliances for political purposes, huge structural temples.  
(b) Masterpiece compositions in Sanskrit, international centre for education, large scale maritime trade with West Asia.  
(c) Large scale patronage to Vaishnavism, propagation of Buddhism outside India under royal patronage, flat-roofed temples.  
(d) Epitome of Sanskrit drama compositions, science literature, military conquests.

**Q48.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Gupta kings followed a policy of tolerance towards different religious sects like Buddhism.
2. Mahayana Buddhism, during Gupta period had come to acquire many features of Hinduism.

Select the best answer by using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only      (b) 2 only

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

**Q49.** Consider the following statements about state of Buddhism during ancient history:

1. Fa-hien testifies to the continuing popularity of Buddhism in his account about India.
2. Hieun Tsang's accounts witness the declining state of some Buddhist centres.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q50.** Consider the following statements:

1. In the age of Buddha, some of the states were not ruled by hereditary kings but by persons who were responsible to the popular assemblies.
2. Both Buddha and Mahavira belonged to such republican states.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q51.** Consider the following statements:

1. The teachings of the Buddha and rules of the Sangha were reflective of the consequent sufferings, the people were undergoing due to emerging material economy.
2. The doors of Buddhism were open to all except the women and the lower classes.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q52.** Consider the following statements about the Buddha and his teachings:

1. He did not advocate any attachment to divine supreme power.
2. He advocated monastic order of monks, living a life of extreme penances.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q53.** Which of the following is/are **not** correct in relation to Buddhism?

1. Theravada Buddhism did not believe in deification of Buddha.
2. Nirvana means union of soul with universal soul.

Select the correct code:

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

**Q54.** Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct about Buddhism?

1. In Buddhism, the norms of social ethics were governed by the rules of varna system.
2. Varna order was outrightly denounced by the Buddha.
3. Buddha did not denounce the varna order as it was necessary for propagation of his religious discourses.

Select the correct code:

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

**Q55.** In the context of Buddhism, consider the following pairs:

Phrases/Symbols	Relation/Meaning
1. Wheel	: A. Mahaparinirvana
2. Horse	: B. Birth
3. Elephant	: C. Mahabhinishkramana
4. Stupa	: D. Religious Discourse

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A  
(b) 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B  
(c) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B  
(d) 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-A

**Q56.** Consider the following statements about Jainism:

1. Cosmic rise and fall is the will of a supreme being, is one of the cardinal principles of Jainism.
2. Strict adherence to the Five Principles is necessary for all.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q57.** Consider the following statement

“No human action, no strength, no courage, no human powers can affect one’s predetermined course of events.”

The above statement refers of which of the following ancient sects?

- (a) Nirgrantha                      (b) Sarvastivadins  
(c) Lokayata                        (d) Ajivaka

**Q58.** Consider the following statements about Jainism:

1. The primary purpose of soul is its purification.
2. The soul which is emotional, gets blinded by accumulation of Karmas.
3. The supreme knowledge can be attained by praying to Gods.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q59.** Consider the following statements about Mauryan Art:

1. The Mauryan artists carved beautiful sculptures elaborately on both stone and metal medium.
2. The themes from Buddhism predominate the stone sculptures.
3. Human stone images got better sculpted with fineness in depiction as compared to earlier period.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

**Q60.** Which of the following books deals with the story of destruction of political intrigue and conspiracies against a king?

- (a) Arthashastra  
(b) Mudrarakshasa  
(c) Kiratarjuniya  
(d) Malvikagnimitram

**Q61.** Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched in the context of ancient art and sculpture?

**Places                      Art Work**

1. Dhauli                      : A. Inscription
2. Barabar                    : B. Sculpture in human form
3. Deedarganj : C. Animal sculpture
4. Udaigiri                    : D. Vihara  
Khandgiri

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B  
(b) 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-A  
(c) 1-A, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C  
(d) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D

**Q62.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Mauryan period is marked by imposition of multiple taxes and proper system of their assessment and collection.
2. The taxes were collected in both kind and cash.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q63.** Which of the following feature(s) mark(s) the Mauryan period?

1. Use of Northern Black polished ware.
2. Elaborate and efficient administrative machinery.
3. Imperial expansion in the whole Indian subcontinent with continuous warfare.
4. Insular attitude of kings with no interaction with outside powers.

Select the correct code:

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

**Q64.** Consider the following statements about Post-Maurya period:

1. The period that just followed Mauryan age witnessed political stability and a large empire.
2. The monetisation of economy took place with abundance of dynastic coins.
3. There took place large scale assimilation of foreigners from South East Asian countries, in the Indian society.

4. The Buddha was represented in human form with Indian features only in various parts of India.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q65.** The Besnagar Pillar, near Vidisha is related to

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

**Q66.** Which of the following statements about the Gandhara School of Art is/are correct?

1. The Art was the outcome of fusion of Indian themes with European features.
2. It was very realistic in nature with great care being given to physical details such as facial expression, muscles, dress, hair etc.
3. Its artist made large-scale use of spotted red sand stone.

Select the correct code:

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

**Q67.** In the post-maurya period which of the following fields of knowledge did not benefit from contacts with foreigners?

1. Astronomy                         2. Astrology
3. Cavalry                              4. Medicine
5. Glass making

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only                (b) 1, 2 and 4 only  
(c) 2 and 4 only                        (d) 4 only

**Q68.** Consider the following statements about Sanchi Stupa:

1. Originally, the stupa was a small brick structure which expanded over a period and was covered with stone.
2. The Buddha's images, shown here are very naturalistic and proper depth and dimension of his human form are depicted.
3. The horizontal bars of the Gateways are profusely carved, both at the front and back surfaces.
4. Sanchi was selected by Ashok as the Buddha once visited Avanti.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q69.** In the context of cultural history of India, consider the following pairs:

**Books**

**Themes**

- |                  |   |                      |
|------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1. Amarkosha     | : | Science of longevity |
| 2. Yogasutra     | : | Philosophy           |
| 3. Brihatsamhita | : | Encyclopaedia        |
| 4. Astadhayayi   | : | Language rules       |

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

**Q70.** Which of the following books was rendered the earliest?

- (a) Mudrarakshasa  
(b) Buddhacharita  
(c) Mrichhakatika  
(d) Astadhayayi

**Q71.** Which of the following was/were the most used modes of common economic transaction in the Gupta period?

1. Gold coins
2. Silver coins
3. Sea-shell i.e. Cowrie
4. Copper coins

Select the correct code:

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

**Q72.** In the context of ancient Indian trade, the term 'Shreni' means

- (a) An organisation of people of one caste following same vocation.  
(b) An organisation of people of one caste following different vocations.  
(c) An organisation of people of one or more castes following one vocation.  
(d) An organisation of people of different castes following different vocations.

**Q73.** The Vedic term 'Rta' stands or

- (a) Varna order (b) Cosmic order  
(c) Debt (d) Goddess of ethics

**Q74.** The doctrine of 'manyness of reality' is a characteristic feature of

- (a) Buddhism (b) Jainism  
(c) Both of them (d) Neither of them

**Q75.** Consider the following statements about Ajanta Art:

1. The Art had undergone many phases of development.
2. Themes of the art are sect-centric.
3. More than one modes have been used in producing the masterpieces.
4. It is one of the finest examples of royal patronship of art.

Which of the above statements is/are **incorrect**?

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

**Q76.** Which of the following cave traditions is/are not related to Buddhism?

1. Guntapalle
2. Elephanta
3. Udaigiri – khandgiri

Select the correct code:

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

**Q77.** Consider the following terms, related to Nagara style of Temple architecture:

1. Amalaka
2. Anda
3. Ardhamandapa
4. Antrala

Which of the above term(s) is/are not related to Nagara style?

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

**Q78.** At which of the following places, has the A.P. Government recently decided to develop Buddhist tourist spot on theme of Mahaparinirvana of the Buddha?

- (a) Amravati (b) Ghantashala

- (c) Ganjam (d) Srisailam

**Q79.** Consider the following statements about ancient sects:

1. Hinayana Buddhism advocated firm belief in the letter of Buddhism where as Mahayana Buddhism held firm to the spirit of the teachings of the Buddha.
2. The main schism in Jainism took place over the issue of assigning divinity to Tirthankaras.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q80.** Which, one of the following, according to the Buddha, would lead to Nirvana?

- (a) Pursuit of Ashtangika Marga  
(b) Observance of extreme asceticism and penances  
(c) Adoration of Stupa  
(d) Unquestioned faith in divinity of Bodhisattva.

**Q81.** The Buddhist doctrine of Patichacha-samuppada or Dependent Origination is clearly contained in

- (a) First Noble Truth  
(b) Second Noble Truth  
(c) Third Noble Truth  
(d) Fourth Noble Truth

**Q82.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Gupta period can rightly be called the Golden Age of Sanskrit literature.
2. The Kushana rulers and Mahayana Buddhists had patronised Sanskrit much before the Imperial Guptas.

Select the correct answer:

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

**Q83.** Consider the following statements about Post-Maurya period:

1. In the Post Maurya Period, only Buddhism was patronised by the Kings of all the foreign dynasties.

2. There are inscriptional evidences of patronship to Jainism by a dynasty in Orissa.
3. No evidence of prevalence of Bhagvatism and its followership by foreigners has been found.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are **incorrect**?

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

**Q84.** Consider the following statements about Jainism:

1. Nothing in this world is devoid of senses, though the number of senses the being possesses, varies.
2. Being Kavalin means having direct knowledge of everything in the universe without the limits of space and time.
3. Non-observance of the lesser vows may lead to more influx of karmas to the living being.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q85.** Consider the following pairs about Ancient Indian knowledge of Science:

Persons	Area
1. Baudhayana	: A. Circumference of earth
2. Aryabhat	: B. Area of cyclic quadrilateral
3. Brahmagupta	: C. Astrology
4. Varahmihira	: D. Geometry

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1-A, 2-D, 3-B, 4-C  
(b) 1-A, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B  
(c) 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-B  
(d) 1-D, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C

**Q86.** Megasthenes' account about Mauryas talks about

1. social conditions
2. city administration
3. military organisation
4. roads

Select the correct code:

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

**Q87.** Consider the following statements about Ashokan Inscriptions:

1. These were royal proclamations for the subject population, reminding them of their duties towards the state.
2. These were issued for elucidating a general code of conduct for people for their betterment.
3. These, however did not indicate any territorial war on the part of the king.
4. The inscriptions were issued in the name of the one who was 'dear to Gods'.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**Q88.** An inscription which talks about the tribal stock of the Buddha is

- (a) Kalinga Inscription  
(b) Nasik Inscription  
(c) Ruminidie Inscription  
(d) Junagarh Inscription

**Q89.** Consider the following statement

"The city was named after the title of a great king. It has a cluster of monolithic temples. The theme of one of the Sanskrit drama has been sculpted on rock surface here".

In the above statement, which city is being talked of:

- (a) Kanchipuram                      (b) Pattadakal  
(c) Aihole                                      (d) Mamallapuram

**Q90.** Which of the following books of Tamil literature deals, specifically with moral precepts, guidelines for moral/noble living?

- (a) Manimekalai  
(b) Tirukurral  
(c) Tolkapiyyam  
(d) Shilpadigaram

**Q91.** During Sangam Age, the agam group of poems

- (a) was in praise of kings  
(b) dealt with love  
(c) was in praise of war

(d) was both in praise of love and war

**Q92.** Consider the following statements:

1. We do not have many coins issued by Harshavardhan.
2. The feudal practice of rewarding and paying officers with grants of land became a regular practice under Harshavardhan.

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1 is correct, 2 is not correct.  
 (b) Both are correct and 2 explains 1.  
 (c) Both are correct and 2 does not explain 1.  
 (d) Both are incorrect

**Q93.** Which of the following subject(s) form(s) part of Tamil texts of Sangam Age?

1. Urban trading centres
2. Social divisions
3. Grammar
4. Military exploits of kings
5. Cult of ideal woman.

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only      (b) 5 only  
 (c) 3 and 5 only      (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Q94.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Satavahana rulers were devout followers of Buddhism.
2. During their period, the Deccan area witnessed large scale construction of Buddhist viharas and chaityas.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

**Q95.** In the context of ancient Indian history, consider the following terms as used in literature.

**Terms**      **Used in the context of**

- |                |   |                   |
|----------------|---|-------------------|
| 1. Yava        | : | A. trade          |
| 2. Yavana      | : | B. performing art |
| 3. Yavanika    | : | C. people         |
| 4. Yavanapriya | : | D. crop           |

Select the correctly matched code:

- (a) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A  
 (b) 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B  
 (c) 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B  
 (d) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D

**Q96.** With which of the following is the Tamil classic 'Sivagasindamani' associated?

- (a) Buddhism      (b) Jainism  
 (c) Hinduism      (d) Lingayat

**Q97.** Which of the following feature(s) best describe(s) Ashokan Pillars?

- (a) square base with octagonal shape  
 (b) Lustrous polish  
 (c) Lustrous polish and monoliths  
 (d) Pyramidal and tapered

**Q98.** Which of the following is/are associated with Jainism?

1. Syadavada
2. Saptavada
3. Anekantavada
4. Theravada

Select the correct code:

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

**Q99.** Which of the following works of Kalidasa is not based on a theme familiar in Puranic literature?

- (a) Abhijana Shakuntalam  
 (b) Raghuvansham  
 (c) Meghdoot  
 (d) Kumarasambhava

**Q100.** In the context of Sangam age, which of the following was/were trading centres?

1. Puhar
2. Arikamedu
3. Muziris
4. Tamralipti

Select the correct code:

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