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## ART AND CULTURE

### Architecture



1998

**Q.1 Consider the following:**

1. Tughlaqabad fort
2. Lodi Garden
3. Qutub Minar
4. Fatehpur Sikri

**The correct chronological order in which they were built is:**

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

2001

**Q.2 Hoysala monuments are found in**

- (a) Hampi and Hosper
- (b) Halebid and Belur
- (c) Mysore and Bangalore
- (d) Sringeri and Dharwar

**Q.3 In which one of the following cities is the Lingaraja Temple located?**

- (a) Bhubaneswar                      (b) Bijapur
- (c) Kolkata                              (d) Shraavanabelagola

2002

**Q.4 Which one of the following statements is not correct ?**

- (a) The statue of Gomateshwara at Sravana-belagola represents the last Tirthankara of Jains
- (b) India's largest Buddhist monastery is in Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) The Khajuraho temples were built under Chandela kings
- (d) The Hoysaleswara temple is dedicated to Siva

**Q.5 In ancient Indian Buddhist monasteries, a ceremony called Pavarana used to be held. It was the**

- (a) occasion to elect the Sanghparinayaka and two speakers one on Dhamma and the other Vinaya

- (b) confession by monks of their offences committed during their stay in the monasteries during the rainy season
- (c) ceremony of initiation of new person into the Buddhist Sangha in when the head shaved and when yellow robes are offered
- (d) gathering of Buddhist monks on the day to the full Moon day of Ashadha when they take up a fixed abode for the next months of rainy season

2005

**Q.6 Consider the following sites/monuments**

1. Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park
2. Chhatrapati Shivaji Railway Station, Mumbai
3. Mamallapuram
4. Sun Temple (Konark Temple)

**Which of the above are included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO ?**

- (a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 1, 3 and 4  
 (c) 2 and 4                          (d) All of these

2006

**Q.7 Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ?**

- | Monastery             | State             |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Dhankar Monastery | Himachal Pradesh  |
| (b) Rumtek monastery  | Sikkim            |
| (c) Tabo Monastery    | Himachal Pradesh  |
| (d) Kye Monastery     | Arunachal Pradesh |

**Q.8 Match List I (Place of Archaeological Monument) with List II (State) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists**

List I (Place of Archaeological Monument)	List II(State)
A. Sisupalgarh	1. Assam
B. Piprahwa	2. Manipur
C. Goalpara	3. Orissa
D. Bishnupur	4. Uttar Pradesh

**Codes**

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



**Q.9 The initial design and construction of which massive temple took place during the reign of Suryavarman II ?**

- (a) Sri Mariamman temple
- (b) Angkor Vat temple
- (c) Batu Caves temple
- (d) Kamakhya temple

**Q.10 The Allahabad Pillar Inscription is associated with which one of the following?**

- (a) Mahapadma Nanda
- (b) Chandragupta Maurya
- (c) Ashoka
- (d) Samudragupta

**Q.11 Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched ?**

- (a) Vikramshila : Uttar Pradesh Monastery
- (b) Hemkund : Himachal Pradesh Gurudwara
- (c) Udayagiri Caves : Maharashtra
- (d) Amaravati Buddhist : Andhra Pradesh Stupa

**2007**

**Q.12 Where is the famous Vijaya Vittala Temple, having its 56 carved pillars emitting musical notes located ?**

- (a) Belur
- (b) Bhadrachalam
- (c) Hampi
- (d) Srirangam

**2008**

**Q.13 Near which one of the following cities are Palitana temples located ?**

- (a) Bhavnagar
- (b) Mount Abu
- (c) Nasik
- (d) Ujjain

**2009**

**Q.14 Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists.**

List I (Famous Temple)	List II (State)
A. Vidyashankara temple	1. Andhra Pradesh
B. Rajarani temple	2. Karnataka
C. Kandariya Mahadeo temple	3. Madhya Pradesh
D. Bhimesvara temple	4. Odisha

**Codes**

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

**Q.15 Where is the famous Virupaksha temple located ?**

- (a) Bhadrachalam
- (b) Chidambaram
- (c) Hampi
- (d) Srikalahasti

**2010**

**Q.16 In which state is the Buddhist site Tabo Monastery located ?**

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Uttarakhand

**2011**

**Q.17 India maintained its early cultural contacts and trade links with South-East Asia across the Bay of Bengal. For this pre-eminence of early maritime history of Bay of Bengal, which of the following could be the most convincing explanation/ explanations ?**

- (a) As compared to other countries, India had a better ship building technology in ancient and medieval times
- (b) The rulers of Southern India always patronised traders, Brahmin priests and Buddhist monks in this context
- (c) Monsoon winds across the Bay of Bengal facilitated sea voyages
- (d) Both (a) and (b) are convincing explanations in this context

**2012**

**Q.18 The Nagara, the Dravida and the Vesara are the**

- (a) three main racial groups of the Indian subcontinent
- (b) three main linguistic divisions into which the languages of India can be classified
- (c) three main styles of Indian temple architecture
- (d) three main musical gharanas prevalent in India

**Q.19 Consider the following historical places**

1. Ajanta caves
2. Lepakshi temple
3. Sanchi stupa

**Which of the above places is/are also known for mural paintings ?**

- (a) Only 1
- (b) 1 and 2
- (c) All of these
- (d) None of these

**2013**

**Q.20** With reference to the history of Indian rock-cut architecture, consider the following statements

1. The caves at Badami are the oldest surviving rock-cut caves in India.
2. The Barabar rock-cut caves were originally made for Ajivikas by Emperor Chandragupta Maurya.
3. At Ellora caves were made for different faiths.

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

- (a) Only 1                                      (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) Only 3                                      (d) All of these

**Q.21** Some Buddhist rockcut caves are called Chaityas, while the others are called Viharas. What is the difference between the two ?

- (a) Vihara is a place of worship, while Chaitya is the dwelling place of the monks
- (b) Chaitya is a place of worship, while Vihara is the dwelling place of the monks
- (c) Chaitya is the stupa at the far end of the cave, while Vihara is the hall axial to it
- (d) There is no material difference between the two

**2014**

**Q.22** With reference to Buddhist history, tradition and culture in India, which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched ?

Famous Shrine	Location
1. Tabo monastery and temple complex	Spiti valley
2. Lhotsava Lhakhang temple, Nako	Zanskar valley
3. Alchi temple complex	Ladakh

**Codes**

- (a) Only 1                                      (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 1 and 3                                      (d) All of these

**Q.23** In a particular region in India, the local people train the roots of living trees into robust bridges across the streams. As the time passes, these bridges become stronger. These unique 'living root bridges' are found in

- (a) Meghalaya                                      (b) Himachal Pradesh  
 (c) Jharkhand                                      (d) Tamil Nadu

**2015**

**Q.24** Consider the following pairs :

Place of Pilgrimage	Location
1. Srisailam	Nallamala Hills
2. Omkareshwar	Satmala Hills
3. Pushkar	Mahadeo Hills

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched ?

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

**Q.25** With reference to the art and archaeological history of India, which one among the following was made earliest ?

- (a) Lingaraja Temple at Bhubaneswar
- (b) Rock-cut Elephant at Dhauri
- (c) Rock-cut Monuments at Mahabalipuram
- (d) Varaha Image at Udayagiri

**2016**

**Q.26** What is/are common to the two historical places known as Ajanta and Mahabalipuram ?

1. Both were built in the same period.
2. Both belong to the same religious denomination.
3. Both have rock-cut monuments.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) 1 and 2                                      (b) Only 3  
 (c) 1 and 3                                      (d) None of these

**2017**

**Q.27** Which of the following is/are famous for Sun temples ?

1. Arasavalli                                      2. Amarakantak
3. Omkareshwar

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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



- (b) Both A and R are individually true, but is not a correct explanation of A  
 (c) A is true, but R is false  
 (d) A is false, but R is true

**2014**

**Q.36** With reference to the Indian history of art and culture, which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched ?

Famous Work of Sculpture	Site
1. A grand image of Buddha's Mahaparinirvana with numerous celestial musicians above and the sorrowful figures of his followers below	Ajanta
2. A huge image of Varaha Avatar (boar incarnation of Vishnu, as he rescues Goddess Earth from the deep and chaotic waters, sculpted on rock	Mount Abu
3. "Arjuna's Penance' /Descent of Ganga sculpted on the surface of huge boulders	Mamallapuram

**Codes**

- (a) 1 and 2  
 (b) Only 3  
 (c) 1 and 3  
 (d) All of these

### Inscriptions/edicts



**1998**

**Q.37** Which one of the following ancient Indian records is the earliest royal order to preserve food grains to be utilised during the crises in the country?  
 (a) Sohagaura Copper plate  
 (b) Rummindei pillar-edict of Asoka  
 (c) Prayaga-Prasasti  
 (d) Mehrauli Pillar inscription of Chandra

**2019**

**Q.38** In which of the following relief sculpture inscriptions is 'Ranyo Ashoka' (King Ashoka) mentioned along with the stone portrait of Ashoka?

- (a) Kanganahalli                      (b) Sanchi  
 (c) Shahbazgarhi                    (d) Sohgaura

### Poetry



**2000**

**Directions (Q.No. 39)** The following items consist of two statements. One labelled the Assertion A' and the other as 'Reason R'. You are to examine these two statements carefully and decide if the 'Assertion A' and the 'Reason R' are individually true and if so, whether the Reason R' is the correct explanation of the given 'Assertion A. Select your answer accordingly.

**Codes**

- (a) Both A and R are individually true and R is the correct explanation of A  
 (b) Both A and R are individually true, but is not a correct explanation of A  
 (c) A is true, but R is false  
 (d) A is false, but R is true

**Q.39 Assertion (A)** The Aham and Puram poems of the Padinen Kilukanakku group formed a continuation of the Sangam composition.  
**Reason (R)** They were included under the Post Sangam works as against the Sangam works proper.

**2008**

**Q.40** Who among the following wrote the poem, Subh-e Azadi ?

- (a) Sahir Ludhiyanvi  
 (b) Faiz Ahmed Faiz  
 (c) Mohammad Iqbal  
 (d) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

**2009**

**Q.41** Who of the following is the author of a collection of poem called 'Golden Threshold ?

- (a) Aruna Asaf Ali                      (b) Annie Besant  
 (c) Sarojini Naidu                      (d) Vijayalakshmi Pandit



- (d) A little smile, slightly curved waist and certain hand gestures are emphasised to express the feelings of love or eroticism

**Q.50 With reference to India's culture and tradition, what is 'Kalaripayattu'?**

- (a) It is an ancient Bhakti cult of Shaivism still prevalent in some parts of South India  
 (b) It is an ancient style bronze and brass work still found in Southern part of Coromandel area  
 (c) It is an ancient form of dance, drama and a living tradition in the Northern part of Malabar  
 (d) It is an ancient martial art and a living tradition in some parts of South India

**2014**

**Q.51 With reference to the famous Sattriya dance, consider the following statements**

- Sattriya is a combination of music, dance and drama.
- It is a centuries-old living tradition of Vaishnavites of Assam.
- It is based on classical Ragas and Talas of devotional songs composed by Tulsidas, Kabir and Mirabai.

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

- (a) Only 1  
 (b) 1 and 2  
 (c) 2 and 3  
 (d) All of these

**Q.52 Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched ?**

- Garba : Gujarat
- Mohiniattam : Odisha
- Yakshagana : Karnataka Codes

- (a) Only 1 (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 1 and 3 (d) All of these

**2017**

**Q.53 With reference to Manipuri Sankirtana, consider the following statements :**

- It is a song and dance performance.
- Cymbals are the only musical instruments used in the performance.
- It is performed to narrate the life and deeds Lord Krishna.

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

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

**Music/Instrument**



**1999**

**Q.54 Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:**

List I	List II
A. Pandit Vishnu Digambar	1. Introduced the scheme of Raga Classification in Indian music
B. Venkatamahi	2. Proponent of the Carnatic music
C. Shyama Shastri	3. Proponent of the Khayal form of Hindustani music
D. Amir Khusru	4. Wrote the music for the song 'Vande Mataram

**Codes**

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

**2000**

**Q.55 Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:**

List I	List II
A. Balamurali Krishna	1. Hindustani vocal
B. Mita Pandit	2. Ghatam
C. Kanyakumari	3. Sitar
D. Nikhil Bannerjee	4. Violin
	5. Carnatic vocal

**Codes**

- |     | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| (b) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| (c) | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| (d) | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 |



**Q.56 The Raga which is sung early in the morning is**  
 (a) Todi (b) Darbari  
 (c) Bhopali (d) Bhimpalasi

**2003**

**Q.57 Consider the following statements**

1. Kitab-i-Nauras, a collection of songs in praise of Hindu deities and Muslim saints, was written by Ibrahim Adil Shah II.
2. Amir Khusrau was the originator in India of the early form of the musical style known as Qawali.

**Which of these statements is/are correct ?**

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

**2006**

**Q.58 Who among the following is a Hindustani classical singer ?**

- (a) Geeta Chandran (b) Leela Samson  
 (c) Gangubai Hangal (d) Swapnasundari

**2007**

**Q.59 The song 'Amar Sonar Bangla' written during the Swadeshi Movement of India inspired the liberation struggle of Bangladesh and was adopted as the National Anthem of Bangladesh. Who wrote this song ?**

- (a) Rajni Kanta Sen  
 (b) Dwijendralal Roy  
 (c) Mukunda Das  
 (d) Rabindranath Tagore

**Q.60 Where is the famous Vijaya Vittala Temple, having its 56 carved pillars emitting musical notes located ?**

- (a) Belur  
 (b) Bhadrachalam  
 (c) Hampi  
 (d) Srirangam

**Q.61 Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists.**

List I (Person)	List II (Known As)
A. Bhajan Sopori	1. Bharatnatyam dancer
B. Birju Maharaj	2. Exponent of Santoor
C. Priyadarshini Govind	3. Mridangam maestro

D. TV Gopala Krishnan	4. Kathak dancer
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**Codes**

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

**2009**

**Q.62 The brothers Umakant and Ramakant Gundecha are**

- (a) Dhrupad vocalists  
 (b) Kathak dancers  
 (c) Sarod maestros  
 (d) Tabla players

**2012**

**Q.63 With reference to Dhrupad, one of the major traditions of India that has been kept alive for centuries, which of the following statements are correct ?**

1. Dhrupad originated and developed in the Rajput kingdoms during the Mughal period
2. Dhrupad is primarily a devotional and spiritual music.
3. Dhrupad Alap uses Sanskrit syllables from mantras.

**Select the correct answer using the codes given below**

- (a) 1 and 2  
 (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 1, 2 and 3  
 (d) None of the above

**2014**

**Q.64 A community of people called Manganiyars is well-known for their**

- (a) Martial arts in North-East India  
 (b) Musical tradition in North-West India  
 (c) Classical vocal music in South India  
 (d) Pietra dura tradition in Central India

**2018**

**Q.65 With reference to culture history of India, consider the following statements.**

1. Most of the Tyagaraja Kritis are devotional songs in praise of Lord Krishna.
2. Tyagaraja created several new ragas.





**2002**

**Q.75 The ancient Indian play Mudrarakshasa of Visakhadutt has its subject on**

- (a) a conflict between Gods and Demons of ancient Hindu lore
- (b) a romantic story of an Aryan prince and a tribal woman
- (c) the story of the power struggle between two Aryan
- (d) the court intrigues at the time of Chandragupta

**Q.76 The ancient Indian play Mudrarakshasa of Visha khadatta has its subject on**

- (a) a conflict between Gods and Demons of ancient Hindu lore
- (b) a romantic story of an Aryan prince and a tribal woman
- (c) the story of the power struggle between two Aryans
- (d) the court intrigues at the time of Chandragupta

**2008**

**Q.77 Ebrahim Alkazi is an eminent personality in which one of the following areas ?**

- (a) Heart surgery
- (b) Civil aviation
- (c) Theatre training
- (d) Transport engineering

**Literature**



**1998**

**Q.78 Which of the following pairs are correctly matched ?**

1. Mrichchakatikam Shudraka
2. Buddhacharita Vasuvandhu
3. Mudrarakshasha Vishakhadatta
4. Harshacharita Banabhatta

**Select the correct answer using the codes given below**

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

**1999**

**Q.79 Which one of the following statements is not correct ?**

- (a) 'Neel Darpan' was a play based on the exploitation of the indigo farmers.
- (b) The author of the play "Ghashiram Kotwal is Vijay Tendulkar.
- (c) The play 'Navanna' by Navin Chandra Das was based on the famine of Bengal.
- (d) Urdu theatre used to depend heavily on Parsi theatre.

**Q.80 Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:**

List I	List II
(A) The first Indian war of Independence	1. Rabindranath Tagore
(B) Anand Math	2. Sri. Aurobindo
(C) Life Divine	3. Bankim Chandra Chatterji
(D) Sadhana	4. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

**Codes**

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

**2001**

**Q.81 Who amongst the following Englishmen, first translated Bhagavad Gita into English ?**

- (a) William Jones
- (b) Charles Wilkins
- (c) Alexander Cunningham
- (d) John Marshall

**2003**

**Q.82 'Mrichchhakatika' an ancient Indian book written by Shudraka deals with**

- (a) The love affair of a rich merchant with the daughter of a courtesan
- (b) The victory of Chandragupta II over the Shaka Kshatrapas of Western India
- (c) The military expeditions and exploits of Samudragupta
- (d) The love affairs between a Gupta King and a princess of Kamarupa

- Q.83 Dilip Kaur Tiwana is well known as a**  
 (a) literateur (b) musician  
 (c) scientist (d) sportsperson

**2007**

- Q.84 Who wrote the book-'The Story of The Integration of The Indian States'?**  
 (a) BN Rao (b) Rajagopalachari  
 (c) Krishna Menon (d) V P Menon

- Q.85 Who among the following, wrote the book Bahubivah'?**  
 (a) Raja Rammohan Roy  
 (b) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar  
 (c) Pandita Ramabai  
 (d) Rabindranath Tagore

**2008**

- Q.86 Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists.**

List I (Author)	List II (Work)
A. Bankimchandra	1. Shatranj Ke Khilari
B. Dinabandhu Mitra	2. Debi Chaudhrani
C. Prem Chand	3. Nil Darpan
	4. Chandrakanta

**Codes**

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

- Q.87 Recently, the manuscripts of which one of the following have been included in the UNESCO's Memory of World Register ?**  
 (a) Abhidhamma Pitaka  
 (b) Mahabharata  
 (c) Ramayana  
 (d) Rig Veda

**2016**

- Q.88 Which one of the following books of ancient India has the love story of the son of the founder of Sunga dynasty ?**  
 (a) Swapnavasavadatta  
 (b) Malavikagnimitra  
 (c) Meghadoot  
 (d) Ratnavali

- Q.89 With reference to the cultural history of India, the memorising of chronicles, dynastic histories and epic tales was the profession of who of the following ?**  
 (a) Shramana  
 (b) Parivraajaka  
 (c) Agrahaarika  
 (d) Maagadha

**2020**

- Q.90 With reference to the scholars/litterateurs of ancient India, consider the following statements:**
1. Panini is associated with Pushyamitra Shunga.
  2. Amarasimha is associated with Harshavardhana.
  3. Kalidasa is associated with Chandra gupta-II.

**Which of the statements-given above is/are correct ?**

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

**2022**

- Q.91 With reference to Indian history, consider the following texts:**
1. Nettipakarana
  2. Parishishtaparvan
  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

- Q.92 With reference to Indian history, consider the following pairs :**
- | 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

**Q.93 According to Kautilya's Arthashastra, which of the following are correct?**

1. A person could be a slave as a result of a judicial punishment.
2. If a female slave bore her master a son, she was legally free.
3. 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

**Q.94 Which one of the following statements about Sangam literature in ancient South India is correct?**

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

**Q.95 "Yogavāsistha" was translated into Persian by Nizamuddin Panipati during the reign of:**

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

### Languages



2014

**Q.96 Consider the following languages**

1. Gujarati    2. Kannada    3. Telugu

**Which of the above has/have been declared as "Classical Language/Languages' by the Government ?**

- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) Only 3  
(c) 2 and 3  
(d) All of these

2015

**Q.97 Which one of the following was given classical language status recently ?**

- (a) Odia                                  (b) Konkani  
(c) Bhojpuri                              (d) Assamese

### Handicraft



2015

**Q.98 Which of the following has/have been accorded "Geographical Indication status ?**

1. Banaras Brocades and Sarees
2. Rajasthani Daal-Bati-Churma
3. Tirupathi Laddu

**Select the correct answer using the codes given below.**

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

2020

**Q.99 Consider the following pairs.**

Craft	Heritage of
1. Puthukkuli shawls	Tamil Nadu
2. Sujini embroidery	Maharashtra
3. Uppada Jamdani saris	Karnataka

**Which of the above pairs is/are correct ?**

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

2021

**Q.100 Consider the following pairs**

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>(Historical place)</b> | <b>(Well-known for)</b> |
| 1. Burzahom               | Rock-cut shrines        |
| 2. Chandraketugarh        | Terracotta art          |
| 3. Ganeshwar              | Copper artefacts        |

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

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

## Religion



2020

**Q.101** With reference to the cultural history of India, which one of the following is the correct description of the term 'paramitas'?

- (a) The earliest Dharmashastra texts written in aphoristic(sutra) style.
- (b) Philosophical schools that did not accept the authority of Vedas.
- (c) Perfections whose attainment led to the Bodhisattva path.
- (d) Powerful merchant guilds of early medieval South India.

**Q.102** With reference to the cultural history of India, consider the following pairs:

1. Parivrajaka	Renuciant	and Wanderer
2. Shramana	Priest with a high status	
3. Upasaka	Lay follower of Buddhism	

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

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

## Festivals



2002

**Q.103** Chapchar Kut is a festival celebrated in the state of

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Sikkim

2009

**Q.104** Mahamastakabhisheka, a great religious event, is associated with and done for who of the following ?

- (a) Bahubali
- (b) Buddha
- (c) Mahavirji
- (d) Nataraja

2017

**Q.105** Consider the following pairs :

Traditions	Communities
1. Chaliha Sahib Festival	Sindhis
2. Nanda Raj Jaat Yatra	Gonds
3. Wari-Warkari	Santhals

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

- (a) Only 1
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) None of these

2018

**Q.106** Consider the following pairs.

Tradition	State
1. Chapchar Kut festival	Mizoram
2. Khongiom Parba ballad	Manipur
3. Thang-Ta dance	Sikkim

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched ?

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

## Institutions



2004

**Q.107** The Archaeological Survey of India is an attached office of the Department/Ministry of

- (a) Culture
- (b) Tourism
- (c) Science and Technology
- (d) Human Resource Development

2009

**Q.108** Consider the following statements

1. The National School of Drama was set-up by Sangeet Natak Academy in 1959.
2. The highest honour conferred by the Sahitya Academy on a writer is by electing him its fellow.

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

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

### Awards



2006

**Q.109** Who among the following was presented with the Sangeet Natak Akademy Ratna Award, 2005 for her lifetime achievement in dance ?

- (a) Chandralekha
- (b) Tanjavur Balasaraswati
- (c) Uma Sharma
- (d) Yamini Krishnamurthy

### National Flag



2008

**Q.110** What is the number of spokes in the Dharmaco hakra in the National Flag of India ?

- (a) 16
- (b) 18
- (d) 24
- (c) 22

### Important Personalities



2009

**Q.111** Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists.

List I (Famous Person)	List II (Well-Known As)
A. Amrita Shergil	1. Dancer
B. Bhimsen Joshi	2. Painter
C. Rukmini Devi Arundale	3. Poet
D. Suryakant Tripathi 'Nirala'	4. Singer

### Codes

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