

Ph.D.Entrance Test (2023-24)

Subject: Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology

Paper- I

Time allowed: 1hours

Maximum Marks:100

**Note:** Put Tick mark ( ) on right answer.

1. Which among the following is the correct location of an ancient site Deh Morasi Ghundai?
  - (A) Northern Pakistan
  - (B) Eastern Persia
  - (C) Modern Turkey
  - (D) Afghanistan
  
2. Which among the following major rock edicts of Ashoka are in Kharosthi script?
  - (A) Mansehra and Sahbazgarhi
  - (B) Sanchi
  - (C) Sarnath
  - (D) Bairat
  
3. The cotton cloth worn by Indians had a brighter white colour than any cotton found elsewhere. This view was recorded by ?
  - (A) Alexander
  - (B) Megasthenes
  - (C) Nearchus
  - (D) Pliny
  
4. Which of the following dominated the early medieval period?
  - (A) Saivism
  - (B) Vaishnavism
  - (C) Buddhism
  - (D) Jainism

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- (A) Only A&B
- (B) Only B&C
- (C) Only A,B&C
- (D) A,B,C&D

5. Architectural developments In India manifested themselves In their full glory during the period of the-

- (A) Guptas
- (B) Nandas
- (C) Mauryas
- (D) Cholas

6. In which region was the first metallic coin used In India?

- (A) Gangetic plain of central india
- (B) The Himalayas
- (C) Bihar and Eastern UttarPradesh
- (D) The Deccan Plateau

7. Which among the following is not a correct pair?

- (A) Ellora Caves –Rastrakuta Rulers
- (B) Mahabalipuram–Pallava Rulers
- (C) Khajuraho– Chandellas
- (D) Elephanta Caves –Maurya period

8. Kautilya (also known as Vishnu gupta and Chanakya) is the author of Arthasastra . Which has been compared with

- (A) Plato's State
- (B) Machiavelli's Prince
- (C) Karl Marx's Das Kapital
- (D) Hitler's Mein Kampf

9. The temples of Khajuraho built by Chandela kings in the 11<sup>th</sup> century are?

- (A) Shaiva temples
- (B) Jain temples
- (C) Both (a) and (b) above
- (D) Buddhist, Jain and Shaiva temples

10. Who was the ruler of the kingdom between the rivers Jhelum and Chenab?

- (A) Alexander the Great
- (B) Darius III
- (C) King Porus
- (D) Chandragupta Maurya

11. From the decline of Guptas until the rise of Harshavardhana in the early seventh century, which of the following kingdoms were holding power in Northern India?

- (1) The Guptas of Magadha
- (2) The Paramaras of Malwa
- (3) The Pushyabhutis of Thanesar
- (4) The Maukharis of Kanauj
- (5) The Yadavas of Deva giri
- (6) The Maitrakas of Valabhi

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 5
- (b) 1, 3, 4 and 6
- (c) 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 5 and 6

12. Kanva dynasty was established by

- (A) Rudradaman
- (B) Vasudeva
- (C) Nagarjuna
- (D) Kadphises

13. Bhasa was the author of \_\_\_\_.

- (A) Mahavamsa
- (B) Svapnavasavadatta
- (C) Shakuntala
- (D) BuddhaCharita

14 The earliest evidence of silver in India is found in the

- (A) Harappan culture
- (B) Chalcolithic cultures of western India
- (C) Vedic Texts
- (D) Silver punch marked coins

15. Which one of the following Chalcolithic sites comes under Narmada System?

- (A) Kausambi
- (B) Navdatoli
- (C) Jorwe
- (D) None of the above

16. Which king first made Pataliputra as the capital of Megadha?

- (A) Udayin
- (B) Ajatshatru
- (C) Anirudh
- (D) None of the above

17. Which religion are the Bagh Caves related to?

- (A) Hinduism
- (B) Buddhism
- (C) Islam
- (D) None of the above

18. Burzhom is related to which period?

- (A) Mesolithic period
- (B) Megalithic Age
- (C) Neolithic period
- (D) None of the above

19 The hymns in the Rigveda are in praise of various gods and goddesses. Which of these is not one of the three especially important gods mentioned in the Rigveda?

- (A) Agni
- (B) Indra
- (C) Brahma
- (D) None of the above

20 Who was the court poet of Samudragupta?

- (A) Banbhatta
- (B) Harisen
- (C) Chand Bardai
- (D) Bhavabhuti

21 Which Veda depicts the information about the most ancient Vedic age culture?

- (A) Rigveda
- (B) Yajurveda
- (C) Atharvaveda
- (D) Samaveda

22 Who was the first Tirthankara of the Jains?

- (A) Aristhenemi
- (B) Parshwnath
- (C) Ajitnath
- (D) Rishbhdev

23 The dockyard was found in which of the following sites of Indus valley civilization?

- (A) Chandudaro
- (B) Lothal
- (C) Kalibangam
- (D) Banawali

24 Which of the followings was not a Harappan city?

- (A) Lothal
- (B) Dholavira
- (C) Mehrgarh
- (D) Magadha

25 Which of the following Harappan sites is in Haryana?

- (A) Rakhigarhi
- (B) Dholavira
- (C) Lothal
- (D) Kalibangan

26 Vaishali was the capital of which of the following Mahajanapadas?

- (A) Vajji
- (B) Kosala
- (C) Kashi
- (D) Magadha

27 In which year was the Harappan civilization first discovered?

- (A) 1905
- (B) 1921
- (C) 1926
- (D) 1932

28 Couple burial was found in which of the following Harappan sites?

- (A) Mohenjodaro
- (B) Harappa
- (C) Chanhudado
- (D) Lothal

29 What does “Triratna” mean in Buddhism?

- (A) Tripitaka
- (B) Buddha, Dhamma (dharma), Sangha
- (C) Satya, Ahimsa, karuna
- (D) Sheel, Samadhi, Sangha

30. What was the major economic source of the Indus valley civilization?

- (A) Making weapons
- (B) Agriculture
- (C) Trading (buying and selling goods)
- (D) All of the above

31 Who was the founder of the Gupta dynasty?

- (A) Samudragupta
- (B) Chandragupt-I
- (C) Vishnugupta
- (D) Srigupta

32 Which among the following Kushana king adopted the epithet Dharma-thida?

- (A) Vima Kadaphises
- (B) Kujul Kadaphises
- (C) Kanishka
- (D) Huvishka

33 In context of Mauryan administration, who was the chief supervisor of the collection of revenue from the whole kingdom?

- (A) Samaharta
- (B) Sannidhata
- (C) Karmantika
- (D) Antapal

34 Which of the following places is known for painted rock shelters belonging to Paleolithic and Mesolithic ages?

- (A) Utnur
- (B) Uyyur
- (C) Bhimbetka
- (D) Bairath

35 Which of the following age/communities represent Jorwe culture

- (A) Vedic Age
- (B) Chalcolithic Age
- (C) Palaeolithic Age
- (D) Later vedic Age

36. Which among the following was the Mauryan currency?

- (A) Tola
- (B) Dinar
- (C) Kakini
- (D) Pana

37. Buddha had given his first religious speech at?

- (A) Sarnath
- (B) Kusinagar
- (C) Pavapuri
- (D) Bodh-Gaya

38. Which one of the following sites has the three phases namely Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic cultures in order?

- (A) Siwalik Hills
- (B) Indus Valley
- (C) Belan Valley
- (D) Kashmir Valley

39. Kushans belongs to which tribe?

- (A) Yuchi
- (B) Terai
- (C) Ikswaku
- (D) Jnatrika

40. In reference to 16 Mahajanapada, Gandhara was geographically located in?

- (A) India
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) Nepal
- (D) Bengal

41. Which was the largest empire in India?
- (A) Mughal empire
  - (B) Maurya empire
  - (C) Maratha empire
  - (D) Kushan empire
42. Which type of cities were Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro?
- (A) Religious cities
  - (B) Unplanned cities
  - (C) Planned cities
  - (D) Merchant cities
43. Which is the largest civilization in the world?
- (A) China Civilization
  - (B) Indus Valley Civilization
  - (C) Mesopotamian Civilization
  - (D) Egypt Civilization
44. In reference to Vedic period, the term 'Aranyani' refers
- (A) Mother of the cattle herds
  - (B) Mother of the Daityas (Giant)
  - (C) Personification of the world of spirits
  - (D) The elusive goddess of jungle
45. Who were the first kings to issue the largest hoards of gold coins in India?
- (A) Mauryas
  - (B) Indo-Greeks
  - (C) Guptas
  - (D) Kushana's

46. Which of the following is a Prakrit text composed by the Satavahana king Hala?

- (A) Gatha Saptasati
- (B) Mahavam
- (C) Tholkappiyam
- (D) Paththuppatt

47. Who among the following was the founder of the Chalukyas of Vatapi?

- (A) Jayasimha
- (B) Konakanivarma
- (C) Shri Gupta
- (D) Mayurasharman

48. Which one of the following is not an Indus Valley Civilization site?

- (A) Patliputra
- (B) Kalibangan
- (C) Lothal
- (D) Alamgirpur

49. Which of the following was the official language of the Satavahanas?

- (A) Sanskrit
- (B) Prakrit
- (C) Persian
- (D) Pali

50. Ashoka was much influenced by Buddhist monk called

- (A) Upagupta
- (B) Vasubandhu
- (C) Ambhi
- (D) Asvagosha

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#### **Answer Key**

<b>1. (D)</b>	<b>11. (B)</b>	<b>21. (A)</b>	<b>31. (D)</b>	<b>41. (B)</b>
<b>2. (A)</b>	<b>12. (B)</b>	<b>22. (D)</b>	<b>32. (B)</b>	<b>42. (C)</b>
<b>3. (B)</b>	<b>13. (B)</b>	<b>23. (B)</b>	<b>33. (A)</b>	<b>43. (B)</b>
<b>4. (A)</b>	<b>14. (B)</b>	<b>24. (C)</b>	<b>34. (C)</b>	<b>44. (D)</b>
<b>5. (A)</b>	<b>15. (B)</b>	<b>25. (A)</b>	<b>35. (B)</b>	<b>45. (D)</b>
<b>6. (A)</b>	<b>16. (A)</b>	<b>26. (A)</b>	<b>36. (D)</b>	<b>46. (A)</b>
<b>7. (D)</b>	<b>17. (B)</b>	<b>27. (B)</b>	<b>37. (A)</b>	<b>47. (A)</b>
<b>8. (B)</b>	<b>18. (C)</b>	<b>28. (D)</b>	<b>38. (C)</b>	<b>48. (A)</b>
<b>9. (C)</b>	<b>19. (C)</b>	<b>29. (B)</b>	<b>39. (A)</b>	<b>49. (B)</b>
<b>10. (C)</b>	<b>20. (B)</b>	<b>30. (B)</b>	<b>40. (B)</b>	<b>50.( A)</b>