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1. Tihra Sujampur was developed as a capital city by :
(A) Raja Sansarchand (B) Raja Chamandchand
(C) Raja Abhaychand (D) Raja Jaisingh
2. Which practice was known as 'Saradana' among the Brahmins of Kangra ?
(A) Initiation into Learning
(B) Marriage of a Halwaha's daughter into a Nagarkotiya family
(C) Meeting of Community Panchayat of Nagarkotiya Brahmins
(D) Grand feast organised on the eve of Holi
3. Who are known as Bhojkis ?
(A) Family priests of Katoch dynasty
(B) Priests of Jwalaji and Naina Devi Temples
(C) Reciters of poetry during marriage ceremony
(D) Brahmins who got land grants from Thakurs
4. What is meant by Pabuchi, Pandvani and Bhataakshri ?
(A) Types of Scripts (B) Wall Painting
(C) Fabric Painting (D) Woollen Garments
5. On what count Raja Aniruddhachand went to the extent of abdicating the throne instead of carrying out the bidding of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh ?
(A) Surrendering the Kangra Fort
(B) Payment of hefty Nazrana
(C) To marry his sister in the family of Mian Dhyanchand
(D) Conceding harsh conditions of Treaty

6. The only dynasty which has its genesis in Himachal Pradesh and does not owe its existence to migration from outside :
- (A) Pathania (B) Katoch
(C) Mankotiya (D) Sen
7. Mukhiya, Wazir and Mahar subcastes of Kanets are found in :
- (A) District Sirmur (B) Shimla District
(C) Kinnaur (D) Lahul
8. Who are the Ghiraths of Kangra region ?
- (A) Shepherds (B) Weavers
(C) Farmers (D) Traders
9. Pandit Chandradhar Sharma Guleri's father held an honourable position in Jaipur state. He was :
- (A) Court Astrologer
(B) Head of Pothekhana
(C) Principal of Maharaja's College
(D) Head of Toshakhana
10. 'Bhent' and 'Bihagra' folk-songs are :
- (A) Religious songs (B) Pastoral songs
(C) Matrimonial songs (D) Milkmaid songs

11. Customs of Chundavad and Pagvand are related with :
- (A) Division of parental property
 - (B) Dowry given to the daughter
 - (C) Rituals performed for bountiful crops
 - (D) Offering to the village deity
12. Kamala Rani and Roshani Devi have carved niche for themselves in the field of :
- (A) Embroidery
 - (B) Wall painting
 - (C) Folk-song
 - (D) Carpet weaving
13. In which district was Himachal's first music studio, "Sound of Mountains" established in the year 1986 ?
- (A) Mandi
 - (B) Kangra
 - (C) Shimla
 - (D) Hamirpur
14. The theme of Kinnauri folk-song "Tiksi Ban Thanee" is :
- (A) Beauty of Kinnar Lissom
 - (B) Usha Devi's curse to beautiful Kinnar girl being envious of her beauty
 - (C) Welcome of newly wed couple
 - (D) Onset of rainy season

15. For which literary work Dr. Susheel Kumar Fulla was honoured with Himachal's highest literary award ?
- (A) फूलों की छाया (B) मिट्टी की गंध
(C) हारे हुए लोग (D) खुलती हुई पंख
16. Essay collection of which litterateur has been published under the title "Bund Samani Samudra" ?
- (A) Ratansingh Himesh (B) Prem Pakhrolvi
(C) Piyush Guleri (D) Rajeev Kumar Trigarti
17. The litterateur who is known as "Dard Dhamotavi" happens to be :
- (A) Harnamdas Dogra (B) Deshraj Dogra
(C) Ramdayal Neeraj (D) Harikrishna Mittu
18. In what manner Nobel Laureate Aung San Su Kyi has an intimate connection with Shimla ?
- (A) She graduated from Himachal Pradesh University.
(B) She stayed in Shimla as a Research fellow in IAS for two years.
(C) Her doctoral thesis is about Shimla.
(D) She has been a visiting faculty in Himachal Pradesh University.

19. Who has given orders to H.P. Power Corporation against felling trees in the heartland of tribal Kinnaur district ?
- (A) Ministry of Forest and Environment, New Delhi
(B) Department of Forestry, Himachal Pradesh
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) High Court of Himachal Pradesh
20. During the Riyasati era Minjar festival in Chamba used to commence with :
- (A) Singing of Kunjari Malhar songs
(B) Presentation of Minjar in the temples of Raghuveer and Laxminarayan in early morning by the King
(C) Floating of Minjar and Coconut in the river Ravi
(D) Commencement of a grand procession from the palace.
21. Which pass connects Lahul region to Chamba district's Bharmaur area ?
- (A) Rohtang (B) Kunjam
(C) Kugati (D) Baralacha
22. 'Thuppa', the main traditional dish of Lahul valley is prepared particularly during :
- (A) Winter (B) Spring
(C) Summer (D) Wedding

23. Which Temple's Kardar (manager) happens to be a Thakur, whereas the priest happens to be a Lama ?
- (A) Trilokinath Temple (B) Shikari Devi Temple
(C) Naina Devi Temple (D) Hidimba Devi Temple
24. For the prosperity and happiness of which state Guru Govind Singh performed Akhand Keertan for 18 days ?
- (A) Mandi (B) Chamba
(C) Suket (D) Sirmaur
25. Johadji fair, the most popular fair of Solan district is associated with :
- (A) Guru Hargovind (B) Guru Amardas
(C) Guru Nanak Deo (D) Guru Angad Deo
26. What step was taken by the British government through Shimla manifesto ?
- (A) Announcement of war with Afghanistan
(B) Treaty with Maharaja Ranjeet Singh
(C) Establishment of the first church in Shimla
(D) Commencement of laying down of Kalka-Shimla Rail

27. Ruler of which state used to send snow compressed into ice and packed in pine needles and hay for chilling the wine of Maghal Princess Jahanara Begum ?
- (A) Suket (B) Sirmaur
(C) Chamba (D) Mandi
28. The only hill chief who did *not* provide men and money to British government during the upheaval of 1857 A.D. ?
- (A) Ruler of Kahlur (B) Ruler of Bushahr
(C) Ruler of Sirmaur (D) Ruler of Mandi
29. Who designated Shimla as the summer capital of British Empire in India ?
- (A) Lord Canning (B) Lord Elgin
(C) Sir John Lawrence (D) Lord Lytton
30. By whom Shimla's designation as summer capital of British India was defended in the following manner — "It was only place in India where a viceroy could divest himself of the trappings of office."
- (A) Lord Curzon (B) Lord Minto
(C) Lord Reading (D) Lord Chelmsford

31. Which country's National Anthem has been revised recently to remove its masculine bias by inserting into it the words 'Great Daughters' too along with great sons ?
- (A) Australia (B) Austria
(C) Hungary (D) Germany
32. By whom Malala Yousafzai's name has been suggested for the next Nobel Peace Prize ?
- (A) Asma Jahangir (B) Mitchelli Obama
(C) Hillary Clinton (D) Angelina Jolie
33. The enormous increase in the brainsize of humans has been ascribed to the intake of cooked food by them in a recently published research paper by two Latin American Woman Researchers. They belong to :
- (A) Bolivia (B) Brazil
(C) Venezuela (D) Columbia
34. In an Indian state 60 years old struggle of farmers for land rights succeeded recently when state government agreed to return 85000 acres of land to the farmers taken over by the British government. That state is :
- (A) Bihar (B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra (D) Odisha

35. Legendary astronomer Patric Moore (passed away recently) holds the unique record of presenting a programme continuously for 50 years on BBC Television. This landmark programme was :

- (A) The sky at night (B) The unfathomable universe
(C) Infinite universe (D) Our globe and its neighbours

36. According to a new genetic study, Europe's largest minority group Romani began their migration 1500 years ago from :

- (A) West Asia (B) India
(C) North Africa (D) Afghanistan

37. At the heart of current political impasse in Nepal happens to be :

- (A) Sharp differences about federalism
(B) Assimilation of Maoist cadres in the Nepalese Army
(C) Opposition's insistence on changing the Prime Minister
(D) Renegotiation of 1950 treaty with India

38. Direct Cash Transfer Scheme will be launched in 51 districts across India from January 2013 with a rider that in the concerned district :
- (A) 80% of population should have Aadhar Cards.
 - (B) It should be drought prone area.
 - (C) It should have experienced natural disasters for two consecutive years.
 - (D) Its inclusion in the scheme should be recommended by that area's M.P.
39. British Prime Minister's decision to reject Lord Leveson Report has evoked widespread protests there. Its key recommendation is :
- (A) Establishment of an independent media regulatory body backed by legislation.
 - (B) Parliamentary control over media.
 - (C) Stiff rules to rein in undesirable activities of media.
 - (D) A code of conduct should be laid down to eliminate hacking practices.
40. Nobel Laureate of which field gave a touching human touch to his Nobel acceptance lecture in the following manner recently : "Two hours ago, the wife of General Secretary of Swedish Academy had a Baby girl. It is the beginning of a beautiful story."
- (A) Physiology
 - (B) Peace
 - (C) Literature
 - (D) Economics

41. What has been the impact of Himachal Pradesh High Court's judgement in Satinder Kumar and others Vs. Union of India Case ?
- (A) Cement Plants in Solan district have been disbanded.
 - (B) Mega hydropower projects have been given green signal.
 - (C) Gurudwara at Pontasahib declared a protected monument.
 - (D) Religious functions cannot be performed in the Church located within the Rashtrapati Niwas.
42. Indian Railways are looking forward to technical and commercial cooperation with Jungfau railway on all aspects of running the mountain railways. Jungfau Railway belongs to :
- (A) Sweden
 - (B) Switzerland
 - (C) China
 - (D) Norway
43. The Gunwalking Scheme of U.S.A. has recently come under fire in the lower house of U.S.A. Congress. It is related with :
- (A) Liberal arms licencing policy.
 - (B) Proliferation of fire arms production units.
 - (C) Strategy of allowing fire arms to be bought by arms traffickers of Mexican drug cartels.
 - (D) Turning Nelson's eye towards Gunlobby's activities.

44. Preparation for the presentation of five centuries old 'Chavittu Natkam' is underway on a big scale to be performed during a Grand Art festival having a span of three months. This is being done in ;
- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Kerala
(C) Karnataka (D) Odisha
45. What is the eligibility criterion for availing benefit through "Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana" ?
- (A) The beneficiary should be from SC/ST category.
(B) Should not have more than two living children.
(C) Should not have more than two living children and should be more than 19 years of age.
(D) Should be from a BPL family.
46. What is the role of Petrocaribe in the world energy sector ?
- (A) It is an energy giant serving the former Soviet republics.
(B) An energy co-operation agreement through which Venezuela supplies crude oil on concessional terms to 17 Latin American nations.
(C) African conglomerate of oil producing countries.
(D) Saudi Oil Company providing funds to the Salafis and Jihadists.

47. A preppy lissom Malvika Vaz, the only Asian selected for "The students on ice expedition into Antarctica", and the first girl to be a Naval Aviator for a day belongs to :
- (A) Gujarat (B) West Bengal
(C) Goa (D) Karnataka
48. Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Aung San Su Kyi became extraordinary in the sense that :
- (A) She was the first woman to get it.
(B) She accepted it personally after 21 years of winning the award.
(C) She was not allowed to send even her acceptance speech by junta.
(D) It was awarded for her relentless crusade against bonded labour and drug cartels.
49. Which Hindi Classic film was recently added to Time Magazine's 'All Time 100' list of greatest films made since 1923 ?
- (A) Mother India (B) Mughal-e-Azam
(C) Aawara (D) Do Bigha Zameen
50. The language that has been added recently by Pope Benedict XVI to the Weekly Vatican address in front of the pilgrims :
- (A) Mandarin (Chinese) (B) Arabic
(C) Spanish (D) Turkish

51. Aleppo is the largest city in which Asian Country that is going through a big political turmoil ?
- (A) China (B) Syria
(C) Lebanon (D) Iraq
52. Adi Shankaracharya, the founder of 'Advait Darshan' was born at Kalady, it is in :
- (A) West Bengal (B) Tripura
(C) Kerala (D) Tamil Nadu
53. Sri Lanka is in the throes of standoff between the executive and judiciary because of controversy over 'Divineguma Bill'. It means :
- (A) Uplifting lives (B) Cheerful lives
(C) Fragrant lives (D) Wholesome lives
54. From which Indian state members of the Bnei Menashe Community have been migrating to Israel for the last seven years ?
- (A) Kerala (B) Manipur
(C) Sikkim (D) Jharkhand
55. Where are 'Chintally Talks' being held between the Afghan government and Taliban to facilitate a roadmap for 2015 ?
- (A) Norway (B) Iran
(C) Netherlands (D) France

56. The Parsi Panchayat Mumbai has informed the Bombay High Court that only a "Poor Parsi" is eligible for accommodation in a subsidised housing scheme of the community. According to it "a poor Parsi" is one who earns :
- (A) Rs. 1.50 lakh monthly (B) Rs. 90 thousand monthly
(C) Rs. 2 lakh monthly (D) Rs. 1 lakh monthly
57. Contribution of which renowned judge of the Supreme Court was hailed in the following manner recently — "He believed that law was meant to serve the Last, Least and Lost and that was his constituency."
- (A) Justice D.N. Desai (B) Justice O. Chinappa Reddy
(C) Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer (D) Justice M. Hidaytullah
58. In the context of hoary spiritual heritage of Indian society who presented the following syncretistic view of secularism :
- "When India is said to be a secular state, it does not mean that we reject the reality of an unseen spirit or the relevance of religion to life or that we exalt irreligion."
- (A) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (B) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (D) K.M. Munshi

59. The purpose for which it has been declared by the UN special envoy for Education that henceforth November 10 will be observed as "Malala and 32 million girls' day".

- (A) To end discrimination faced by the girls.
- (B) To stop female foeticide.
- (C) To educate the out of school girls across the world.
- (D) To start a global campaign against domestic violence.

60. NASA's curiosity rover which completed its first soil analysis on Mars has found minerals on the Red Planet similar to basalt volcanic soils in :

- (A) Hawaii
- (B) Iceland
- (C) Finland
- (D) Japan

61. A renowned Nationalist newspaper established in 1913 had the following lines on the top of its front page :

जिसको न निज गौरव तथा निज देश का अधिमान है ।

वह नर नहीं नर पशु निरा है और मृतक समान है ॥

It was :

- (A) Karmaveer
- (B) Pratap
- (C) Veer Arjuna
- (D) Hans

62. In which year was AITUC (All India Trade Union Congress) founded and who presided over its maiden session ?
- (A) Year 1930 and Mahatma Gandhi
(B) Year 1922 and Pandit Motilal Nehru
(C) Year 1920 and Lala Lajpat Rai
(D) Year 1925 and Vallabhbhai Patel
63. "Operation Black Tornado" was launched in the wake of :
- (A) ULFA Extremism
(B) Sikh Militancy
(C) Maoist Violence in West Bengal
(D) Terrorist attack on Mumbai
64. Which prominent leader of Indian National Congress had predicted during an interview given to the Editor of "Chattan" (a Lahore Periodical) in April, 1946 that "If Pakistan comes into existence it will have to face some very serious problems from the very beginning. An incapable and incompetent political leadership will pave the way for military take over."
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
(B) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(C) Sardar Patel
(D) Acharya J.B. Kriplani

65. Almost half of Rs. 21 lakh fund spent for the construction of 'Gate Way of India' at Mumbai was received through donation from a single family. It was a :
- (A) Parsi family (B) Jewish family
(C) Syrian Christian family (D) Marwari family
66. In 1984 general election contest for which parliamentary constituency in West Bengal was dubbed as 'Giant Killing Contest' ?
- (A) Jadavpur (B) Bolpur
(C) Darjeeling (D) Burdwan
67. In which present day Indian state progressive step of abolition of centuries old slavery system was taken first of all during the British era ?
- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Kerala (D) Gujarat
68. During British rule which factor signified the importance of Postmen in the Summer Capital of the Raj ?
- (A) Postmen were given special bonus twice in an year.
(B) They got biannual LTC.
(C) They were paid more than teachers.
(D) They were invited to official functions.

69. Practised in different parts of India, Patua, Worli and Kalighat are varieties of :
- (A) Weaving (B) Culinary art
(C) Folk art (D) Folk music
70. Which Bharat Ratna's performance on Independence Day was a highlight every year from 1947 till his earthly Sojourn's Continuity ?
- (A) Pandit Bheemsen Joshi (B) M.S. Subbulakshmi
(C) Ustad Bismillah Khan (D) Pandit Ravishankar
71. Who was known as 'Nightingale of India' during the freedom struggle ?
- (A) Subhadrakumari Chauhan (B) Sarojini Naidu
(C) Mahadevi Varma (D) Noor Jahan
72. According to Newar Buddhists Deepavali is an auspicious day for Saddharma because :
- (A) On this day Siddharth Gautam attained enlightenment.
(B) It is birthday of Lord Buddha.
(C) Emperor Ashoka embraced Buddhism on this day.
(D) Emperor Ashoka sent his son Mahendra and daughter Sanghmitra to Sri Lanka on this occasion to spread Saddharma.

73. Who persuaded the river Ganges to descend on the Earth by his extreme penance ?
- (A) King Raghu (B) King Dilip
(C) King Bhagirath (D) King Ikshvaku
74. Which day is celebrated as 'Bandi Chhod Divas' in the Sikh Panth ?
- (A) Baishakhi (B) Holi
(C) Vijaya Dashmi (D) Deepavali
75. Which literary work of Sanskrit depicts the geographical features of India in an enchanting manner ?
- (A) Meghadoot (B) Kadambari
(C) Raghuvansham (D) Dashkumar Charit.
76. Who is known as Radheya among the prominent characters of Mahabharat ?
- (A) Abhimanyu (B) Karna
(C) Bheeshma (D) Ghatotkach
77. Who accomplished the stupendous task of writing the epic Mahabharat conceding the request of Sage Vyas ?
- (A) Acharya Brihaspati (B) Mahatma Vidur
(C) Lord Ganesh (D) Sage Narad

78. Lumbini is a sacred place for Buddhists because :
- (A) Lord Buddha attained enlightenment here.
 - (B) Here Lord Buddha gave his first sermon.
 - (C) It is the birthplace of Lord Buddha.
 - (D) Buddha attained Nirvan at this place.
79. Who is working for the amelioration of the pathetic condition of beggars and ragpickers living in the Charran Khadda area of Dharmashala ?
- (A) Lion's Club Dharmashala
 - (B) Sisters of Charity
 - (C) Tibetan monk Jamyang
 - (D) Department of Social Welfare
80. The order of the Supreme Court in the year 2006 in Prakashsingh case is considered a landmark order because through this order the apex court :
- (A) Laid down guidelines to make the police people friendly.
 - (B) Laid down a series of seven recommendations to make the police force accountable to the citizens.
 - (C) Provided a roadmap to unfetter police from colonial mindset.
 - (D) Recommended thorough modernisation of police force.

81. On what ground Maulana Hasrat Mohani refused to sign the Constitution of India passed by the Constituent Assembly ?
- (A) It lacked Indian ethos.
(B) States were made subservient to the centre.
(C) It was anti-people.
(D) It did not reflect Gandhian ideology.
82. Who asked renowned Cartoonist Shankar, "Don't spare me Shankar", showing the true democratic and liberal spirit at the very outset of India's onward march as a republic.
- (A) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Govind Vallabh Pant
(C) C. Rajgopalachari (D) Sardar Patel
83. Vrindavan Vastra, a unique tapestry that depicts scenes from Srikrishna's childhood originated in :
- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Gujarat
(C) Assam (D) Tripura
84. Among the following who is a descendant of Maulana Fazle Haq Khairabadi who was exiled for life to Andamans for rising against the British ?
- (A) Nazma Heptullah (B) Hamid Ansari
(C) Javed Akhtar (D) Rashid Alwi

85. During the first war of independence who exhorted the fellow Indians in the following manner :

“हमारी राय है कि विदेशियों का शासन भारत पर न भौ चाहिजे और हम फौज की तैयारी कर रहे हैं सो अंगरेजन से लड़वौ बहुत जरूरी है ।”

In Roman Script — “Hamari rai hai ki videshion ka sashan Bharat par na bhao chahiye aur hum fauj ki taiyaree kar rahe hain so Angrejan se ladvo bahut zaruri hai.”

- (A) Rani Lakshmi Bai (B) Tatya Tope
(C) Rana Beni Madhav (D) Peshva Nana Sahib
86. As a protest against which incident Rabindranath Tagore relinquished his knighthood ?
(A) Partition of Bengal (B) Exile of Lokmanya Tilak
(C) Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (D) Hanging of Bhagat Singh
87. Who was the first to be honoured with Bharat Ratna posthumously ?
(A) Indira Gandhi (B) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
(C) Lal Bahadur Shastri (D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
88. Himalayan Pass Bomdila is situated in :
(A) Sikkim (B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Arunachal Pradesh (D) Uttarakhand

89. In which state Kanchenjunga biosphere has been carved out ?
- (A) Uttarakhand (B) West Bengal
(C) Sikkim (D) Arunachal Pradesh
90. In which Upanishad do we find the dialogue between Rishi Yagyavalkya and Gargi ?
- (A) Kath (B) Ken
(C) Mundak (D) Vrihadaranyak
91. In spite of being a secular state Indian Constitution itself has provided for grant from consolidated fund of certain states to 'Devaswom' (Divine Property) Trust as a consequence to the merger agreement with :
- (A) Jammu and Kashmir (B) Tanjore
(C) Mysore (D) Travancore Cochin
92. Which constitutional amendment virtually transferred Article 45 from Part IV (Directive Principles) to Part III (Fundamental Rights) in the form of Article 21A ?
- (A) 86th Amendment (B) 25th Amendment
(C) 73rd Amendment (D) 90th Amendment

93. During which Prime Minister's regime the right to property was excluded from the list of fundamental rights ?
- (A) Rajeev Gandhi (B) Morarji Desai
(C) Indra Kumar Gujral (D) H.D. Devegowda
94. The Five Year Plan is endorsed and reviewed by :
- (A) The Union Cabinet
(B) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
(C) The National Development Council
(D) The Ministry of Finance
95. Who can appoint an ad hoc judge in the Supreme Court ?
- (A) President of India
(B) Minister of Law
(C) Collegium of the Supreme Court
(D) Chief Justice of India with the permission of the President
96. Article 28 of the Constitution prohibits :
- (A) Discrimination on the basis of caste and religion
(B) Spread of communal hatred
(C) Religious Education in the government educational institutions
(D) Untouchability

97. What is the principal ingredient of a pearl ?
- (A) Calcium carbonate and Magnesium carbonate
 - (B) Calcium sulfate
 - (C) Calcium oxide and calcium sulfate
 - (D) Calcium carbonate only
98. Peeling or cutting of onion causes profuse tearing in the eyes because of
- (A) Presence of sulphur in its cells
 - (B) Presence of amino acids in the cells
 - (C) Presence of magnesium
 - (D) Presence of ammonia gas
99. What is the role of iodised salt in the human body ?
- (A) To regulate the function of thyroid gland
 - (B) To activate the pancreas
 - (C) To augment the working of kidneys
 - (D) To strengthen the cells of mind
100. Night-blindness is caused by the deficiency of :
- (A) Vitamin 'A'
 - (B) Inadequate intake of green vegetables
 - (C) Deficiency of Vitamin 'B'
 - (D) Poor maintenance of eyes

101. Who was the first Indian savant to be invited to accept the chair of oriental philosophy at Harvard University ?

- (A) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (B) Swami Vivekananda
(C) Swami Ranganathananda (D) Sri Aurobindo

102. The first commercial civil aviation flight in India on 18th February, 1911, took place between :

- (A) Allahabad and Naini (B) Allahabad and Varanasi
(C) Mumbai and Pune (D) Delhi and Amritsar

103. Who commented about the inadequacy of Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms in the following manner ?

"It has dawned but where is the sun ?"

- (A) Lokmanya Tilak (B) Lala Lajpat Rai
(C) Deshbandhu Chitranjandas (D) M.R. Jaikar

104. "My ambition is to become Muslim Gokhale."

Who once expressed his political ambition in the above words ?

- (A) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (B) Mohammad Ali Jinnah
(C) Mohammad Karim Chhagla (D) Maulana Hasrat Mohani

105. By whom Swami Vivekananda has been hailed as "the greatest gift of India to mankind" ?
- (A) Sri Aurobindo (B) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
(C) Sister Nivedita (D) Rabindranath Tagore
106. Defying the orders of Viceroy Lord Curzon, ruler of which princely state mustered the courage to remain absent from Delhi Darbar held in 1903 to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII ?
- (A) Mandi (B) Suket
(C) Mewar (D) Baroda
107. Who was instrumental in establishing Sabarmati Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi by providing Rs. 1.50 lakh in the year 1921 A.D. ?
- (A) Jammalal Bajaj (B) Raja Baldeo Das Birla
(C) Dr. Pranjeevan Das Mehta (D) Adamji Peerbhoy
108. In which format 'Hind Swaraj' was written by Mahatma Gandhi ?
- (A) Diary
(B) Letters
(C) Dialogue between the Editor and Reader
(D) Essay

109. Basically Hind Swaraj happens to be :
- (A) An outline for attaining Swaraj
 (B) A discourse on civilization
 (C) A blueprint for rural development
 (D) Exposure of the menace of colonial rule
110. What was the greatest achievement of modern civilization according to Mahatma Gandhi ?
- (A) Invention of weapons of mass destruction
 (B) Machines capable of mass production
 (C) Curtailment of distance of time and place
 (D) Plenty of material comforts
111. Who has given a stirring poetic expression to the sentiments that stirred the people before the first war of independence, 1857 in the following manner :
- सिंहासन छिल उठे राजवंशों ने भुंकुटि तानी थी
 बूढ़े भारत में आयी फिर से नयी जवानी थी
 दूर फिरंगी को करने की सबने मन में लगी थी
 चमक उठी सन् सत्तावन में वह तलवार पुरानी थी
- (A) Makhanlal Chaturvedi (B) Balkrishna Sharma 'Naveen'
 (C) Subhadrakumari Chauhan (D) Mahadevi Varma
112. What caption was given to the first American edition of 'Hind Swaraj' published in 1924 ?
- (A) Sermon on the mount
 (B) Sermon on the sea
 (C) Commandment of an Eastern Sage
 (D) Vision of a better world

113. What was the reaction of Mahatma Gandhi after going through R.C. Dutta's monumental work "Economic History of India" ?
- (A) British rule was a satanic rule
 - (B) The blood of country's heart was being sucked
 - (C) His eyes were moist with tears
 - (D) British rule was a curse
114. Which mental state is conducive for the renunciation of anything according to Mahatma Gandhi ?
- (A) After the arousal of robust sense of duty
 - (B) After realising the futility of material things
 - (C) After finding better alternative to desired things
 - (D) After brooding over the ephemerality of the material world
115. When did Winston Churchill dubbed Mahatma Gandhi "Half Naked Faqir" of India giving vent to his intense disliking for Mahatma Gandhi ?
- (A) During the heyday of Non-co-operation Movement
 - (B) Amidst Civil Disobedience Movement
 - (C) During Dandi March
 - (D) During Quit India Movement
116. About which book Mahatma Gandhi has commented that it has been written with "blood and tears" ?
- (A) The White Slaves of England
 - (B) The Kingdom of God is Within You
 - (C) Unto This Last
 - (D) A New Crusade

117. Which renowned political thinker was so impressed by the sagacity of the Preamble to the Indian Constitution that he opened his important book on social and political theory by quoting it verbatim ?
- (A) Professor Harold J. Laski (B) Sir Ernest Barker
(C) Sir Ivor Jennings (D) Professor K.C. Wheare
118. "Rare personality like Gandhi arrive rarely on this earth for the weal of humanity and Motherland", who eulogized Mahatma Gandhi in these terms ?
- (A) Albert Einstein (B) Romain Rolland
(C) Rabindranath Tagore (D) Dr. Pranjeevandas Mehta
119. Between 1936 and 1945 Mahatma Gandhi often stayed at Manorville, whenever he visited Shimla. This mansion belonged to :
- (A) Amrita Shergil (B) Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
(C) Sir Kenneth Fitz (D) Mohansingh Oberoi
120. After taking one look at the Shimla town during British era who burst out : "If one were told that the monkeys had built it, all one could say, "What wonderful monkeys, they must be shot in case they do it again."
- (A) Sir Edwin Lutyens (B) Lady Curzon
(C) Lady Duffrin (D) Iris Mary Butler