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1. Consider the following statements: The most effective contribution made by Dadabhai Naoroji to the cause of Indian National Movement was that he
 - a. exposed the economic exploitation of India by the British
 - b. interpreted the ancient Indian texts and restored the self-confidence of Indians
 - c. stressed the need for eradication of all the social evils before anything else

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

Answer: a

2. 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?
 - a. Dhrupad originated and developed in the Rajput kingdoms during the Mughal period.
 - b. Dhrupad is primarily a devotional and spiritual music.
 - c. Dhrupad Alap uses Sanskrit syllables from Mantras.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only

- c. 1,2 and 3
- d. None of the above is correct

Answer: c

3. How do you distinguish between Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam dances?
- a. Dancers occasionally speaking dialogues is found in Kuchipudi dance but not in Bharatanatyam.
 - b. Dancing on the brass plate by keeping the feet on its edges is a feature of Bharatanatyam but Kuchipudi dance does not have such a form of movements.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: a

4. With reference to the religious history of medieval India, the Sufi mystics were known to pursue which of the following practices?
- a. Meditation and control of breath
 - b. Severe ascetic exercises in a lonely place
 - c. Recitation of holy songs to arouse a state of ecstasy in their audience

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

Answer: d

5. The Rowlatt Act aimed at
- a. compulsory economic support to war efforts
 - b. imprisonment without trial and summary procedures for trial
 - c. suppression of the Khilafat Movement
 - d. imposition of restrictions on freedom of the press

Answer: b

6. The Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress (1929) is very important in history, because
- a. the Congress passed a resolution demanding complete independence
 - b. the rift between the extremists and moderates was resolved in that Session

- c. a resolution was passed rejecting the two-nation theory in that Session

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. I only
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. None of the above

Answer: a

7. Lord Buddhas image is sometimes shown with the hand gesture called Bhumisparsha Mudra. It symbolizes
- a. Buddhas calling of the Earth to watch over Mara and to prevent Mara from disturbing his meditation
 - b. Buddhas calling of the Earth to witness his purity and chastity despite the temptations of Mara
 - c. Buddhas reminder to his followers that they all arise from the Earth and finally dissolve into the Earth, and thus this life is transitory
 - d. Both the statements a & b are correct in this context

Answer: b

8. The religion of early Vedic Aryans was primarily of
- a. Bhakti
 - b. image worship and Yajnas
 - c. worship of nature and Yajnas
 - d. worship of nature and Bhakti

Answer: c

9. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Brahmo Samaj?
- a. It opposed idolatry.
 - b. It denied the need for a priestly class for interpreting the religious texts.
 - c. It popularized the doctrine that the Vedas are infallible.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

Answer: d

10. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) acts as a bankers bank. This would imply which of the following?
- a. Other banks retain their deposits with the RBI.

- b.* The RBI lends funds to the commercial banks in times of need.
 - c.* The RBI advises the commercial banks on monetary matters.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a.* 2 and 3 only
 - b.* 1 and 2 only
 - c.* 1 and 3 only
 - d.* 1,2 and 3

Answer: d